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Title: Need to create a new Railway Division at Jharsuguda district, Odisha.

DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH (BARGARH): I may kindly be allowed to draw kind attention to the genuine demand of the citizens of Jharsuguda for creation of a New Railway Division at Jharsuguda, Odisha. That due to unscientific division and inclusion of areas, the Railway areas of Jharsuguda district has been divided into three Railway Zones and as a result, the development of the Railway and its infrastructure within Jharsuguda district has been adversely affected. The Jharsuguda Station is one of the oldest stations of Railways which was established in the year 1884 in the then Bengal-Nagpur Railway. While creating Jharsuguda Railway Station, the Railway Authority had acquired huge areas of land in and around Jharsuguda. Presently, there are about 1000 Railway Quarters, with Central School, Railway School, High School managed by Government of Odisha, Railway Hospital, Retiring Rooms, Officers Rest Room, two Bungalows of Railway Institutes, Welding Plant and Sleeper Factory. There is still huge vacant area within the jurisdiction of Jharsuguda Railway Station and, therefore, Railway Authority can easily establish a New Railway Division there. There are power plants, factories, Steel Plants, Aluminum Factory, Oil and Gas Refineries and Coal Fields in and around the district of Jharsuguda. A new Airport has been decided to be set up in the district which shall be the 2nd Airport of Odisha. The work is under rapid progress and likely to be completed during the year 2016. Jharsuguda being the Gateway of Western Odisha, has huge potential to be developed by virtue of its own resources. The total revenue from Jharsuguda District is about Rs. 6,000 crores coming from Goods and Passenger trains per annum.

In view of the above favourable conditions, Hon'ble Minister of Railways is requested to consider the genuine demand of the people and pass necessary instructions for creation of a New Railway Division at Jharsuguda.