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Title: Need to accord early approval for change of alignment of the proposed new broad gauge line from Nalgonda to Marchela in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY (NALGONDA): I would like to draw the attention of the Hon'ble Railway Minister to the matter of proposed New Broad gauge Railway Line from Nalgonda to Macherla alongwith approval for change of alignment. The detailed estimate was sanctioned by Railway Board vide their sanction letter dated 20.9.2011 and also the project was notified as "Special Railway Project".

Later, twice the site was inspected by railway officials alongwith the then Panchayat Raj Minister of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh on 24.12.2012 and by the then MOS Railways on 30.3.2013 in which the suggestions for change of alignment were agreed upon and the proposal was sent to Government of Andhra Pradesh on 18.4.2013 for incorporating underlined changes in the alignment of the line between Annareddigudem and Haliya Stations. The consent of the State Government was accepted by railways vide letter dated 19.8.2013. Later the proposal was sent to Railway Board for change in alignment for approval. The approval is still awaited.

In view of this inordinate delay in the matter, I urge upon the Ministry of Railways to issue necessary orders to the concerned authorities for early approval of change of alignment and also allocate sufficient funds in the coming budget for the said Special Railway Project.