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Title: Need to conduct second survey of 93 Km Aurangabad-Chalisgaon Railway line-laid.

SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL (JALGAON): The survey of 93 km Aurangabad-Chalisgaon railway line was done in 2017-18 at a cost of 1690 crore and the project was shelved due to an estimated negative rate of return of -2.23. This railway line assumes strategic and economic importance because it can act as a link between the proposed Delhi-Mumbai Economic Corridor and proposed Mumbai-Nagpur Samruddhi Mahamarg. The construction of this railway line will facilitate economic development of Maharashtra and also give a fillip to tourism due to proximity of Chalisgaon to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ajanta and Ellora Caves. With proper planning and utilization of this route for freight and transportation purposes, it can yield revenue for the railways. Hence, in view of the vast potential for economic development and employment generation, I demand that the Government should conduct a second survey on this line at the earliest and take into account its potential.