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Title: Regarding completion of land acquisition process pertaining to Talcher-Bimlagarh Railway Project-laid.

SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB (SAMBALPUR): Deogarh district is coming under my Parliamentary Constituency Sambalpur in the state of Odisha. After 74 years of Independence Deogarh district has not found a place in country's railway map. The then NDA Government headed by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee had started Talcher - Bimlagarh Railway Project in the year 2003 -2004. The total length of this project is about 149.78, km out of which only 17.62 km has been completed till date. The land acquisition is the main problem of this project. The govt of Odisha has acquired only 410.9 acres of private land out of the total 990.45 acres whereas only 216.54 acres of govt land has been acquired out of 422.38 acres till date. This project would not be completed by 2025 unless the state govt hands over the remaining land at the earliest. I urge the Ministry of Railways to acquire the remaining land by March 2022, so that this project will be completed by 2025.