

Title : Regarding railway related issues in cooch Bihar constituency

SHRI JAGADISH CHANDRA BARMA BASUNIA (COOCHBEHAR): Honourable Chairperson, through you I would like to raise a matter before the Honourable Railway Minister. Our Cooch Behar is the deemed as the city of kings. New Coochbehar Railway Station is operational in the service of the commuters. The rail line that connects New Coochbehar Railway Station with Alipuraduar- adjacent to the Alipuraduar Main Road has a level crossing where commuters get stuck for many hours. To address this issue, the Railway department had initiated the work to construct a Railway overbridge, but the work has been stalled for a long time. If the Railway Ministry informs us why the work has been stalled and can take measures to escalate the work, that would suffice. I am making this appeal to the Honourable Railway Minister to look into this matter. Secondly, there is a railway line that starts from Coochbehar and goes to Rangpur, Bangladesh via Dinhat and via Bamanhat. After the independence of Bangladesh in 1971, the Rail line has been non-functional and a part of the rail bridge has broken down as well. If the Honourable Railway Minister reconstructs the railway route and if it can be extended to Kolkata via Rangpur, Bangladesh- the distance between Kolkata or Southern India or Western India from the Eastern part of India will be reduced by 300-400 kilometres. Thus, I request the Honourable Railway Minister to conduct an overhaul of the said railway line so that it becomes possible to commute through Bangladesh via Sealdah, Kolkata to Southern and Western parts of India.