

Regarding setting up of Railway Station in Goalpara District of Assam

SHRIMATI BIJULI KALITA MEDHI (GUWAHATI): Thank you, hon. Chairperson, Madam, for giving me the opportunity to speak in this august House. Since I am here for the first time, I would like to thank the people of my constituency of Guwahati.

I would like to speak about the Asia's largest banana market which is situated in Goalpara district under Guwahati constituency. From this market, bananas are exported to West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and out of the country, like Bhutan and Nepal. The malbhog banana is being exported to Dubai. Since it is a perishable product, there is a demand for cold storage and banana processing industry.

Madam, I would like to say that Bongaigaon to Guwahati Railway line by the south bank of Brahmaputra passes through Darangiri, one kilometre of northern side. But in spite of the banana market and maximum potentialities of large business centre, there is no railway station. There is a demand to set up a railway station for both passenger and goods trains. Also, there is a demand for stoppage, at least, for five minutes, of all trains running through the district.

Thank you, Madam.