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Title: Need to make provisions in the Railway Budget and initiate construction of railway line between Dahanu and Nasik. – Laid.

SHRI CHINTAMAN WANGA (DAHANU) : Though the first survey of Dahanu Road and Nasik railway line has been completed, no provision has been made to start work of construction. This Railway is passing through tribal belt of Thane and Nasik districts and connects western and central railway lines.

Mumbai is called economic capital of India. But contribution of Thane and Nasik districts for development of Mumbai is overlooked till today. Thane and Nasik districts are providing drinking water to Mumbai and this water is coming from tribal belt of these districts, but tribal belt of these districts still remains one of the most backward areas in the country. Tribals of these areas are migrating in search of jobs and suffer due to malnutrition. This railway line connects Industrial area of Northern Maharashtra, Marathwada and Industrial area of South Gujarat and Tarapur. It also connects Tarapur Atomic Power Station, BSES Thermal Plant, Dahanu and proposed big harbours of Wadhavan and Umbergaon.

I, therefore, request the Government to make provision in Railway Budget and start the construction work of railway line between Dahanu and Nasik.