

>Title: Need to sanction adequate funds for early completion of Daitari-Banspani rail line in Orissa.

SHRI ANANTA NAYAK (KEONJHAR): There has been an inordinate delay in the completion of Daitari-Banspani 155 kilometre railway line in Orissa. The ongoing railway line is passing through the backward areas of the State, which is endowed with rich mineral resources. Once the line is completed, it will facilitate the transportation of iron ore, manganese, bauxite and several other minerals to Paradeep Port for export purposes. The State will get royalty and foreign exchange, which will be added to the national exchequer, from the export of these high quality minerals, which are in great demand in the international market. Besides, it will provide direct employment to the local people who are passing their days under dire poverty.

In view of this, I demand that adequate amount of Central assistance may be sanctioned to expedite the construction of Daitari-Banspani line during 2002-03 financial year.