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Title: Need to allot the bookstalls on railway stations to the people belonging to the weaker sections of the society.

SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY (BASIRHAT): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, the Government of India had announced, way back in 1974, that monopoly of book stalls in the Railway stations would be removed and new stalls would be allotted to the people belonging to the weaker sections of the society and to the educated unemployed youth. The Government has not strictly followed that policy and has not implemented it. Till today the Ministry of Railways has been allotting book stalls at the Railway stations to big monopoly book houses like M/s. Wheelers and Company.

I would like to urge upon the Government to give allotment of these book stalls at the Railway stations to the persons belonging to the weaker sections of the society, to the people from the minority community and to the unemployed educated youngmen instead of giving them to the big book houses like M/s. Wheelers and Company in keeping with its policy as was announced in 1974.