

Title: Need to complete the sanctioned pending works at Jhargram railway station in West Midnapore district, West Bengal to make it a 'Model Station'. -- Laid

SHRI RUPCHAND MURMU (JHARGRAM) : Jhargram in West Mindapore district has craved out a place for itself in the State's tourist map because of picturesque view of the places here surrounded by forests, rivulets and hillock. The State Government is also promoting tourism in the Jhargram Sub-Division. There are nearly 40 tourist centres with historical and mythological background in this area. Tourists from all over the State and outside flock to Jhargram and face immense difficulties due to poor service of the South Eastern Railways in Jhargram. In the Railway Budget for 2000-2001, there was a proposal to develop Jhargram into a 'Model Station'. But no work for this 'Model Station' has been done so far. There are no sheds at the booking counter or the computerized reservation facility for the passengers in the northern side. Besides, all the four platforms are so low that it becomes difficult for the old and the infirm, the women and the children to either board or detrain. There is no provision of cold drinking water. So, I urge upon the Railway Ministry for completion of sanctioned work of 'Model Station' in Jhargram by providing all facilities to the passengers.