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Title: Need to expedite completion of Banspani –Daitari railway line in Orissa. –Laid.

SHRI ANANTA NAYAK (KEONJHAR) : The inordinate delay in the construction of Banspani-Daitari Railway Line has caused a great discontentment in the minds of the people of Orissa and more particularly my Parliamentary Constituency Kenojhar. The proposal to lay this railway line was mooted after Independence. The first phase of this line from Jakhapura to Daitari was completed and opened for traffic in 1979. Twenty four years have passed since then but the line has not been completed so far.

The Banspani-Daitari line will prove very remunerative and will change the economy of the backward State like Orissa once it is completed and opened for traffic. The direct rail connection will be provided between Keonjhar the hinterland but rich mineral areas in Orissa. The Paradeep, a prime major port of India which will be connected by this line as facilitated to transportation of minerals from Keonjhar district for export purpose would be China, Japan and South Korea where the minerals area in great demand.

I request the Central Government to ensure the construction of ongoing Banapani-Daitari line at the earliest.