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Title: Need to upgrade Raninagar railway junction in Jalpaiguri district, West Bengal.

SHRIMATI MINATI SEN (JALPAIGURI): Sir, Raninagar is a key railway junction border entire North-East States including Nepal, Bhutan and Sikkim. It is otherwise known as Gateway of the North-East region of India. Recently, the Government of India, the State Government and the multinational have taken a venture to open industry of different forms and size after the Government of West Bengal earmarked the area as one of its industrial zones. Many of these industries started its production and exported the same to different parts of India by road for want of adequate railway facility to transport the goods through train from Raninagar. Had the Raninagar junction station been provided with loco-shed, extra booking office, accommodation of rakes and introduction of more super fast trains from Haldibari to Kolkata *via* Raninagar, the Railway department would have earned more revenue than it presently has. The most important thing is that the station should be modernised to cope with the need of the hour.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to make a spot sruvey of its feasibility and to take action for upgradation of Raninagar railway junction in the NFR between Jalpaiguri and Belakoba, in the district of Jalpaiguri.