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Title :Need to clear the proposal for laying Gadchiroli-Desaiganj rail line in Maharashtra. - Laid.

SHRI NARESH PUGLIA (CHANDRAPUR) : Sir, Gadchiroli district in Maharashtra is the District Headquarter and is totally naxalite affected areas. This is the most backward area, not only in Maharashtra but one of the most backward districts in the country. This is among the 25 most backward districts in the country, identified by the Union Government for development under SAM VIKAS YOJANA. This Gadchiroli district needs to be connected with Railway Line which will go a long way in its industrial development. The Union Government has been requested many times for a Railway Line from Gadchiroli to Desaiganj, which is a distance of only 52 kilometers and shall cost only Rs.76 crores. The State Government of Maharashtra has already agreed to bear the 50% cost of this Railway Line and have informed the Railway Ministry accordingly. Now, I request that the Gadchiroli-Desaiganj Raiwaly like should be cleared by the Union Government on priority basis.