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Title: Need to upgrade the Naraj-Marthapur railway station in Orissa with a view to provide stoppage of express trains there.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Cuttack being the commercial nerve centre of Orissa is yet to be connected by double rail line from Chennai side. Therefore, many of the super fast trains do not ply through Cuttack thereby forcing commuters lot of hardship. As the city of Cuttack is expanding and new road-bridge has been constructed over river Kathajodi, the Naraj-Marthapur Passenger halt distance has been shortened. The super fast and other express trains, which do not ply through Cuttack, run *via* Barang-Naraj rail line. Therefore, it has become a necessity to develop the Naraj-Marthapur Station, where express and super fast trains can be stopped for the benefit of commuters from Cuttack and nearby areas. The distance from the Western part of Cuttack is the same to both the Cuttack and Naraj-Marthapur Station.

I request the Government to take urgent steps to upgrade the Naraj-Marthapur Railway Station and allow super fast and express trains which ply on that line to stop there and train ticket be made available on that station.