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Title: Need to re-settle the peoples who are living on the Railway land in Purbasthali, Kalna, Khamarghachi areas of West Bengal.

SHRI ABU AYES MONDAL (KATWA): Sir, we have come to know from the statement of reply from the hon. Minister of Railways of a Starred Question in the august House on 30.8.2007 that the Railway Land Development Authority has been set up for commercial development of Railway Land and Airspace.

I want to draw the kind attention of the hon. Minister to the fact that on the sides of Bandel-Katwa Railways in West Bengal, many people have been living as well as using the Railway land for years together. The places are Purbasthali, Kalna, Khamarghachi, etc. Most of the families came during the partition of India during 1947, from the then East Pakistan and now Bangladesh.

I urge upon the Ministry of Railways, Government of India to kindly get a commercial settlement with them whose existence are not hampering or affecting the railway development works in progress or to be in progress.