

**Title : Need to expedite the construction of Ramganj Mandi - Bhopal railway line**

SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH (JHALAWAR): The inordinate delay in the construction of Ramganj Mandi—Bhopal railway line has created a great discontentment in the minds of the people of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. After repeated demands, now the land acquisition has been started for which Government have sanctioned Rs. 27 crore only as against the requirement of Rs. 712 crore. The proposed line is to start from Ramganjmandi *via* my Parliamentary constituency Jhalawar, Chittorgarh and then it will enter Rajgarh in Madhya Pradesh before it ends at Bhopal.

Ramganjmandi is one of the largest market places of the world for farmers and traders. On completion of the line, the farmers residing in both the States will be greatly benefited and their trade will flourish as they will get direct access by rail to Ramganjmandi. Besides, the line will promote tourism between both the States as people in the backward areas in these States will be able to make the best use of the train facilities. This line will facilitate the earning of large amount of revenue which will go to the national exchequer.

In view of the above, I demand that the entire cost of the land acquisition be allotted during 2004-05 so that further steps will be taken to construct the line and complete it on priority during the Tenth Plan.