

Title: Need to construct Rail Overbridges at Ranichak, Bhogpur and Panskura railway stations in West Bengal and review the guidelines for construction of ROB's.

SHRI LAKSHMAN SETH (TAMLUK): The whole country is suffering from lack of adequate Rail Over-Bridges. Movement of goods, crossing of passengers, local people and students have become difficult due to non-availability of ROB.

Present guidelines for construction of ROB made by Indian Railways is very much unrealistic. As per guidelines, the State Government have to bear 50% cost of ROB. Besides, the State Government is to bear full cost of approach roads of the bridge. The State Government have to bear more than 60% of cost of the project which causes hardships to the State Government.

Apart from that as per guidelines railway authority agrees to bear the cost of ROB provided level crossing justifies 1 lakh TVU. This is also a sort of avoidance on the part of Rail Authority for taking responsibility in the matter of construction of ROB. In context of the above, I would request Hon'ble Minister of Indian Railways through you to accord the approval of the following proposals.

1. 75% cost of ROB be borne by Indian Railways.
2. Presents condition of one lakh TVU for ROB be withdrawn.
3. ROB at Ranichak of Haldia Gateway to Haldia Port be constructed.
4. ROB at Bhogpur Station and Panskura Station on Howrah-Kharagpur line be constructed.