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Title: Need to restore Dhubri-Fakiragram railway line.– Laid.

SHRI ANWAR HUSSAIN (DHUBRI): The Dhubri-Fakiragram railway line was closed in 2002. About 17 lakhs people of Dhubri district have been thus kept isolated from the National Railway link, causing great damage in respect of communication, trade, commerce besides educationally, socially and culturally. Dhubri district is most backward in the country. 72% of the population is still Below Poverty Line (BPL). Naturally, restoration of the Dhubri-Fakiragram Railway line deserves utmost attention of the concerned Ministry. But adequate attention has not been paid to this matter. Although gauge conversion works have been taken up but practically nothing has so far been made and budget allocation has been specified.

I earnestly request the Hon'ble Minister for Railways to restore Dhubri-Fakiragram railway line and bring Dhubri district on the Railway map of India.