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Title: Need for construction of Modasa - Shamlaji rail line in Gujarat.

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY (SABARKANTHA): The extension of Kapadvanj-Modasa Broad Gauge railway line to Shamlaji Road will connect Udaipur-Chittorgarh with Mumbai directly by rail route, and Modasa-Kapadvanj-Anand to Delhi via Udaipur-Chittorgarh. The construction of 15 k.m. new railway line will open up an alternative rail route from Delhi to Chittorgarh-Udaipur to Modasa-Kapadvanj-Nadiad and to Mumbai.

The Idea was accepted by the then Railway Minister in the year 2003 and he announced to survey the construction of Modasa-Shamlaji railway line and accordingly the Western Railways carried out a survey which is completed. This project falls within the Western Railways Division. The project cost is not much and falls within the discretionary powers of the Railway Minister from his own budget.

I request the Railway Minister to sanction this project so that a 15 k.m. broad gauge railway line can be laid, to open a route from Delhi to Ahmedabad via Chittorgarh-Udaipur-Modasa and Nadiad-Vadodara to Mumbai, and vice versa.