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Title: Need to increase the Railways share of the cost of construction of ROBs in West Bengal.

SHRI SANTASRI CHATTERJEE (SERAMPORE): The West Bengal Government has taken up some ROB projects, viz., Madyamgram, Barasat, Barrackpore, Sonarpur, Dankuni over the Eastern Railway and Bagnan, Rangamati (Mednipur), IIT Kharagpur, Balichak over the South Eastern Railway.

Though the implementation of these schemes is urgently called for, high rising cost stands as a deterrent to start work.

The West Bengal Government has proposed to the Railway authorities that Railways share of payment be made in advance and to share the cost of construction of ROBs as 2:1 by the Railways and the State Government in lieu of the present system of 1:1.

Among the proposed ROBs, construction of Dankuni ROB merits top priority.

I would request the hon. Railway Minister to consider the matter in the larger interest of West Bengal.