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Title: Need to conduct a fresh survey for laying rail line on Shegaon-Khamgaon-Jalana route.

SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL (BULDHANA): Chairman Sir, I would like to draw the attention of Railway Minister towards the long-pending demand of Vidarbha and Marathwada regions for providing direct connectivity rail line between Shegaon-Khamgaon on Jalana.

Sir, due to non-availability of such direct rail connectivity between Shegaon, Khamgaon and Jalana, the people of 10 Districts of Vidarbha and 9 Districts of Marathwada regions are facing lot of problems.

People of Vidarbha and Marathwada regions particularly Buldhana Parliamentary Constituency have to use route via Purna-Akola or Manmad-Jamner to reach Shegaon or Jalana resulting in expensive travel and wastage of time.

Vidarbha is a backward and tribals-dominated region and the industries of Vidarbha and Marathwada regions are suffering due to non-availability of cheaper transport or container services on shortest route i.e. Shegaon-Jalana.

During the British regime in 1926 a survey was conducted to connect Kamgaon with Jalana directly. Thereafter, after independence, another survey was conducted by the Government of India. But, so far no work has been initiated for construction of railway line between Shegaon, Khamgaon and Jalana despite repeated requests from public representatives and Government of Maharashtra.

Therefore, I request the hon. Minister of Railway, through you, to pay due consideration on the request and direct the concerned authorities to have a fresh survey for laying Shegaon, Khamgaon-Jalana rail line.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri B. Vinod Kumar – not present.

Dr. M. Jagannath.