

Title: Need to construct a rail line between Khamman in Andhra Pradesh and Dhanantri in Chattisgarh via Malkangiri, Jeypore, Nawarangpur and Umerkot in Orissa. -Laid.

SHRI PARSHURAM MAJHI (NOWRANGPUR) : I draw the attention of the Government of India to the inadequate railway facilities in the border areas of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Chhatisgarh. All these areas are mostly inhabited by tribals. The people of these areas are facing a lot of difficulties in the absence of power rail linkage facility. If a railway line is constructed between Khamman in Andhra Pradesh and Dhantari in Chhatisgarh via Malkangiri, Jeypore, Nawarangpur and Umerkot in Orissa, the people living in the border districts of these three States will be greatly benefited. The length of this proposed line will be approximately 500 kms.

Since the people of these areas have been deprived of the basic rail transport facility even after 57 years of Independence, I request the Union Government to undertake construction of railway line between Khamman and Dhanatari linking my Parliamentary Constituency, Nawarangpur by making adequate budgetary provision for the project during the financial year 2004-2005.