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Title: Need to construct a second bridge over river Koshi in between Gokulpur and Midnapore besides sanctioning of doubling of railway line project on Kharagpur-Gokulpur section in South-Eastern Railways.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): In the last Railway Budget of the UPA Government there was a project of constructing the second Railways Bridge over river Koshi in between Gokulpur and Midnapur Railway Station under Kharagpur Division of S.E. Railway. But till today no work has been completed so far. The matter has been raised several times in the House, in Consultative Committee meeting and in a meeting at General Manager level. There is also a long standing demand for sanctioning doubling of Railway line from Kharagpur to Gokulpur in the same division. The up-to-date survey work has been done. It is to be noted that around seventy passengers, Express, Super Fast trains and Rajdhani Express also run on this route every day. From Kharagpur to Adra, the huge industrial complexes are coming up at both the sides of Railway line. A very big industry has started its construction work in the area. To facilitate all these, sufficient train service is required. But there is no double line and 2nd bridge in this route so far. I urge upon the Railway Ministry to take up this matter as an urgent one and take necessary measures to launch said projects in the coming economic year itself.