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Title: Need to provide job to one member of every family whose land has been acquired by Konkan Railways.

SHRI NILESH NARAYAN RANE (RATNAGIRI-SINDHUDURG): I draw the attention of the Hon'ble Minister of Railways towards the plight of the families affected due to the land acquired for Konkan Railway project. This project which has become the pride of the Railways, has adversely affected the life of many villagers whose cultivable land has been acquired for this project.

The farmers were provided with a meager compensation in lieu of acquisition of their land. However, the money received in this regard has been spent and now they are without any source of income for their livelihood. It was presumed at the time of acquisition of their land that a member from each of the families affected would be given a job in the Konkan Railways but to their dismay nothing of this sort happened.

Hence, I request the Hon'ble Minister of Railways to look into this matter seriously and come up with solution that could save the livelihood of a lot of people in the region directly affected due to this project. I also request the Hon'ble Minister to consider if certain privileges could be provided to land oustees such as concessional fares in Konkan Railways.