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Title: Need to withhold the shifting of diesel shed projects from Badarpur, Assam and create a railway divisional office at Badarpur.

SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA : In the national map of Railways, Badarpur is a very prominent place because Badarpur is situated just in the centre of the area, Barak Valley. This railway junction, Badarpur, is catering to the needs of not only of Barak Valley, but it has also got connection with Tripura, Manipur, Mizoram and other parts of the State of Assam. So, there is a longstanding demand that Badarpur should be made the divisional headquarters making it a railway division. For that, for the last two-three decades, people are agitating and there are different committees and NGOs who are fighting for this cause.

It is so important and so necessary because it has got geographical importance also. It is just on the border of Bangladesh. So, covering the Bangladesh border this is the area, where, if a railway division is set up, we are very much hopeful that the railway works may run very well.

I have to make another point. There is a railway junction which is more than a hundred years old. There is an old loco shed which is being constructed as a diesel shed. But this diesel shed is half constructed and now that has been stopped. It is now being said that this diesel shed is going away somewhere else. The people of this area have raised a very strong resentment and also a movement against the Railway Development. At the moment, the diesel shed which was to be constructed there, is going to be shifted.

I would request the Government two things. First of all, Badarpur should be declared as a division and it should be the centre of the division and secondly the diesel shed, which is half constructed and being shifted, should be stopped and this diesel shed should be at Badarpur.