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Title : Need to maintain status quo in respect of manned railway crossing No. C-33 on Rewari-Hisar Section of North Western Railways at Charkhi Dadri town in Haryana.

SHRIMATI SHRUTI CHOUDHRY (BHIWANI-MAHENDRAGARH): Rewari-Hisar Railway line was laid around 100 years ago and since then Crossing No. C-33 is maintained by the North Western Railway under the management of DRM, Bikaner. This crossing is located on Mahendergarh-Jhajjar-Delhi road (SH-20) at Charkhi Dadri town. Since February, 2008 a two lane Railway over bridge is under construction on the above manned Railway crossing. Now, it has been learnt that the Railways is considering to close this manned Railway crossing permanently.

It is not out of place to mention here that the manned Railway crossing No.C-33 is the life line for this small town as it is strategically located in the middle of Charkhi Dadri town on the one side and nearly 40 villages on the other side. The permanent closure of this crossing would not only adversely affect the economy of this town but would also put the thousands of daily commuters to grave inconvenience and harsh hardships as they cross railway line on foot, using cycle and other small vehicles. As large number of educational institutions are located at Charkhi Dadri, more than 10 thousand students use this Railway crossing.

Moreover, farmers from around 40 villages use this Railway crossing to bring their farm produce to the green market in Charkhi Dadri. Besides, all the Government medical facilities, Public transport, Bus stand, Railway station, Sub-division, Tehsil and Judicial complexes can be approached only by using this Railway crossing. Keeping in view the large public interest, I request the Ministry of Railways to maintain the status quo in respect of manned Railway crossing No. C-33.