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Title: Need to provide rail connectivity linking Delhi to Bolangir, Titilagarh and Sambalpur regions of Orissa and provide basic amenities at railway stations of these regions-laid.

SHRI KALIKESH NARAYAN SINGH DEO (BOLANGIR): Bolangir region of Orissa is facing numerous problems with regard to railways. There is no direct connectivity between the national capital and the regions of Bolangir, Titilagarh and Sambalpur. The people are, as a consequence, largely disconnected from the National Capital. There is only a single operational reservation centre in the region which sometimes closes down earlier than the routine time. The platforms at the stations are bereft of basic infrastructure. Clean drinking water is not available and seats have not been provided for the passengers at the reservation counter. There is a need for building pathways for the movement of wheel chairs as well as new wheelchairs may be provided for the convenience of disabled and the senior citizens. The Railway Crossings are unlevelled and are hazardous to the safety of the passengers. I urge upon the Ministry of Railways to take necessary action in this regard.