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Title: Need to initiate construction of railway line between Budamara and Chakulia in Odisha.

SHRI LAXMAN TUDU (MAYURBHANJ): Mr. Chairman, I thank you from the depth of my heart for giving me a chance to speak during the 'Zero Hour'.

The Government has placed a budget provision for the new railway line of near about 35 kilometre from Budamara to Chakulia in the Railway Budget last year. But, I am sorry to say here that whereas the railway line from Rupsa to Budamara has been completed, its other connecting part from Budamara to Chakulia has not yet been started so far. This work has been undertaken by the Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd., and near about Rs.22.14 crore has also been sanctioned and allotted in this regard.

In this connection, I would like to make a request through this august House to take steps for starting construction of the railway line between Budamara to Chakulia without any further delay. The proposed railway line will help in making direct and easy connectivity between the industrial belts of Jharkhand and Dhamra Port of coastal Odisha. This will reduce the distance by 60 kilometres to 70 kilometres from New Delhi to Bhubaneswar. On the whole, this railway network shall provide the opportunity for development of mining activities located in the tribal belt.