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Title: Need to develop Baripada Railway Station in Odisha as a full-fledged railway station.

SHRI LAXMAN TUDU (MAYURBHANJ): Baripada Railway Station which falls under my Parliamentary Constituency Mayurbhanj is more than 100 years old station and comes under South Eastern Railway. Baripada was the first to witness a train communication in the State of Odisha. The annual total revenue of this station is around Rs. 84 Lakhs so it deserves to be classified as D class station as per the extant rules of Indian Railway. Baripada Railway station is a single line platform. It needs to be developed to D standard railway station. Baripada is the only railway station in the whole country with 1 in 115 gradients in station, where no further development can be done in future. While railways authorities are doing development works and modernizing railway stations in Jammu, Srinagar, Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri and various other railway stations at hilly areas, which are more gradient than Baripada, it is not justified on the part of South Eastern Railway not to take up the development work of Baripada station and doubling of the track at Baripada even though sufficient railway land is available.

I would like to request the Ministry of Railway through this august House to take immediate action for developing Baripada as a full-fledged railway station in the interest of Railways passengers.