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Title: Need to open new railway booking counter on the Western side of Midnapore Railway Station in West Bengal.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): Midnapore town is the district headquarter of Paschim Midnapore district of West Bengal and Midnapore Railway Station plays a very important role in this part of the country.

Thousands of passengers including office goers, students and others commute daily through this station. A large number of academic institutions including Higher Secondary Schools, Colleges, and even IIT Kharagpur, etc. along with various Government offices are situated on the western side of Midnapore Railway station.

But as there is no booking window in existence on the West side, lots of passengers first have to come to Eastern side for purchasing tickets and to back again to Western side to board their respective train. Had there been a booking window on the Western side of the station the hardship to passengers would have been lessened.

Therefore, I urge the Railway Minister to take necessary steps so that new booking counters are opened on the Western side of Medinipur Railway station to facilitate the commuters.

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