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Title: Need to link Rupsa – Budamara section of South Eastern Railway with Chakulia in Jharkhand.

SHRI LAXMAN TUDU (MAYURBHANJ): The people of Mayurbhanj, Jamshedpur and West Midnapore districts in Odisha, Jharkhand and West Bengal States, respectively, have urged to link Rupsa-Budamara section of the South Eastern Railway with Chakulia. It is learnt that extension from Buramara to Chakulia including upgrading of the rail line from Rupsa to Buramara has already been approved as part of Rupsa-Baripada-Buramara-bangriposi Gauge conversion project and the work have been executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd.

I am very surprised to know from the budget 2012-13 that extension of Rupsa -Burhamara line up to Chakulia has been taken up for Surveys. The survey work has already been taken up and project was also approved in 2009 and the cost of this project was near about Rs. 468 crore. This is a long pending demand of the people. The work has not started due to insufficient amount allocated in spite of its importance. I am very sorry to state that the Railway Board has not provided sufficient funds to complete it in scheduled time. On completion the route distance between the Industrial and Mining areas of Jharkhand like Boakaro/Dhanbad/ Jamshedpur, Chaibasa and the ports at Paradip, Dhammra and Vishkhapatnam will be shortened considerably.

In this connection, I would like to make a request to cancel the survey announced in the Rail Budget 2012-13 and provide Rs. 100 Crore to start the above said works in the interest of nation.