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Title: Need to accord approval to the Manmad-Indore railway line project and also make necessary budgetary provisions for it.

DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE (DHULE): Manmad-Indore Railway line will meet the aspirations of people of Dhule and Nasik districts and is very important for this backward region. Surveys have been conducted twenty years back. Out of 399 Kilometers, 192 Kilometers length lie in Maharashtra. The expected rate of return for the project with 50% cost sharing by the state government comes to 14.34%. The proportionate cost for Maharashtra is Rs. 1278 crore.

The project has been approved in principle by the Planning Commission vide do No:7/47/2012 Tpt. Dated 27/06/2012 subject to the condition that the concerned state government provided land free of cost and also share the construction cost to the extent of 50%.

Government of Maharashtra vide letter No RLY/0806/CR-170/tra-5 dated 06/01/2008 has been given consent for 50% cost sharing with the condition that the cost of works for earthwork and ballast breaking would be taken up through state EGS and Government of Madhya Pradesh vide DO No 98/CMO dated 27/01/2011 has also given consent for 50% cost sharing in the form of Government land free of cost to the railway and also share a portion of cost for the works that would be taken up for earthwork and ballast breaking through schemes like NREGA. North Maharashtra is a backward region. Dhule district is not connected to main railway line hence denied the opportunity of industrial growth.

I urge upon the Union Government to please sanction this railway line project and also make necessary budgetary provisions for it.