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Title: Need to extend Cuttack-Puri Express upto Kaniha via Dhenkanal and Talcher in Odisha.

SHRI MAHESH SAHOO (DHENKANAL): Hon. Chairperson, Sir, I am really grateful to you for giving me the opportunity.

Sir, as you know, I am representing the Dhenkanal Parliamentary Constituency of Odisha that gives the maximum revenue to the Government of India to fulfil its national interest. But I am sorry to say that whoever is in the Government in the welfare State, one should not neglect the regional interest due to some reason. My submission is that prior to Independence, a railway station at Talcher and also a Coalfield were constructed. At that time, the Talcher Railway Station was designed as a station to transport goods. But as of today, that has not yet been declared as a passenger railway station. At that time, one railway line was going from Talcher to Puri. Now, one train is running from Cuttack to Puri and it is unnecessarily stationed at Cuttack. If that will be extended up to Kaniha *via* Dhenkanal and Talcher, it will be helpful to the Government and also simultaneously, it will serve the welfare of my State.

My submission is very clear that the Government should take care of my demand, and I hope that the train from Cuttack to Puri, which is unnecessarily stationed at Cuttack, should be extended up to Talcher. Thank you.