

10-02-2023 Request to minister for the development of Rail Networks in Mayurbhanj and expedite running of passenger trains to Kendrapara. SPECIAL MENTION (ZERO HOUR) Mohanty, Shri Anubhav Railway Development

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**SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTI (KENDRAPARA):** Respected Chairman sir thank you very much. I would like to speak on Railway Projects pertaining to my region. I'm Anubhav Mohanty, Member LS from Kendrapara constituency. After 75 years of Independence while we are celebrating Azadi Ki Amrit Mahotsav, it's unfortunate that Kendrapara continues to remain bereft of any passenger train service. A freight car is all it has got so far since 2019 - made possible by the joint efforts of Odisha chief minister Shri Naveen Patnaik and Shri Piush Goel, the then minister of Railways. In the last four years I have drawn the attention of the ministry of Railways not less than 10-15 times to accelerate the process for passenger train services but received no response till this day. The railway ministry was seemingly confused with the name of a station "Kendrapara Road" in my ( Kendrapara) constituency. However, I raised the issue in this house via starred question number 221 on 4th August, 2021 and clarified everything. The minister had assured me to come out with all the details which the ministry has failed to furnish so far. I checked the status of my question online. It showed "dropped". Besides, I would like to draw your kind attention about the pathetic absence of any rail line in Mayurbhanj - home district of our Hon'ble President Smt Droupadi Murmu. Since Independence it's devoid of any rail network. Ironically, a paltry rupees one thousand has been allocated for Mayurbhanj railway district from previous and this year's budget. Concerning yet to be completed Kordha- Bolangir railway project, in last twelve years only Rupees two thousand three crore has been spent from the budgetary allocation of Rupees four thousand six hundred Ninety two crore. Bhadrak is also witnessing discrimination concerning new railway projects with sudden shifting or diversion of those projects to other districts. This issue has been raised by none other than the General Manager of East-Coast Railways in a written submission to the ministry. The hon'ble chief minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik has already drawn the attention of the central government several times about railways negligence to North Odisha. BJP has a LS member from Mayurbhanj who is a minister. At least he should earnestly put in efforts for the development of rail networks in Mayurbhanj. And finally, I renew my request with folded hands that the railways should stick to its earlier promise and expedite running of passenger trains to Kendrapara. Jai Jagannatha.