

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MEMU TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are considering for introduction of the fast moving main line MEMU Trains to cater to the needs of daily commuters especially between Rourkela-Rajgangpur-Jharsuguda;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether DMU services between Titlagarh-Sambalpur-Jharsuguda section have been introduced and modern passengers amenities have been provided there; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) to (d) No, Madam. Rourkela-Rajgangpur-Jharsuguda section is presently being served by 11 pair of Mail/Express trains and 5 pair of Passenger trains. Similarly, Titlagarh-Sambalpur- Jharsuguda section is presently being served by 7 pair of Mail/Express trains and 1 pair of Passenger services. Introduction of new train including MEMU/DMU train is an on-going process over Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of resources etc.

Minimum essential passenger amenities have generally been provided at all railway stations on Titlagarh-Sambalpur-Jharsuguda section. Titlagarh, Bolangir, Bargarh Road and Jharsuguda stations on this section have already been developed under 'Adarsh' station scheme. Rengali and Lapanga stations on this section are also identified for development under 'Adarsh' station scheme. Further, upgradation/modernization of stations is a continuous process and the same is undertaken based on the volume of passenger traffic handled at the station, inter-se priority of works, etc., subject to availability of funds.