

Title: Need to run a passenger train between Banspani and Tatanagar – Laid.

SHRI ANANTA NAYAK (KEONJHAR) : Sir, the Baanspani sector of Keonjhar District is well known for iron ore and other mineral ore deposits in Orissa. A large number of mineral based industries liked the Ferro Alloy Plant of TISCO, TISCO iron ore mines, TISCO manganese mines, Banspani Iron ore Ltd. TATA sponge iron Ltd. etc. already exist in this area. Tatanagar is the nearest industrial/domestic requirement of this Part of Orissa. Hence a large number of people are required to commute from this area to Jamshedpur (Jharkhand) regularly for various official/commercial purposes. Inhabitants of more than 150 villages (fall in between Banspani and Deojhar besides Joda Town) find great difficulty to commute from one place to other on daily basis. Since already an electrified track is in existence between Banspani and Tatanagar for haulage of minerals and much of the time it remains idle, it is requested that a passenger train can be provided to operate to and fro Banspani and Tatanagar, via-MMVR (IPITATA), Deojhar, Padapahar, Chaibasa and Rajkharswan daily with limited stops.

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