

Title: Need to provide more railway facilities to Orissa.

SHRI TRILOCHAN KANUNGO (JAGATSINGHPUR): Rajdhani Express 2421/2422 is plying between New Delhi and Bhubaneswar *via* Howrah only twice a week. Commuters are facing a lot of difficulties. We have been demanding to convert Rajdhani to run from New Delhi to Bhubaneswar directly *via* Kharagpur instead of *via* Howrah and *vice-versa*, but of no avail. By arranging *via* Adra and Kharagpur instead of *via* Dhanbad and Howrah, distance shall be reduced by more than 300 kilometres thus more than three hours shall be saved and direct commuters to Orissa shall get the advantage of time, cost and distance. From Kharagpur to Bhubaneswar, now it is taking nearly six hours. It should be reduced to only four hours.

Bhubaneswar-Nizamuddin-Hirakud Express – 8407/8408 is now running from Nizamuddin to Bhubaneswar *via* Sambalpur only thrice a week and *vice-versa*. Its condition is awfully bad. We urge upon the Railway Ministry, that it should run daily, its condition should be improved and provision of AC-I Class and AC-II Class be made forthwith.

Konark Express – 1019/1020 plying between Bhubaneswar and Secunderabad and from there to Mumbai is officially termed as a Superfast train. But in fact, it is not running on time. Timely running and provision for AC-I Class be made in it at the earliest.

I urge upon the Government through you to kindly do the needful.