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Title: Need to run a direct train from Bolangir (Orissa) to Allahabad and extend Howrah-Sambalpur-Howrah Ispat Express upto Titlagarh.

SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA (SAMBALPUR): Thousands of people from western part of Orissa, namely Sambaipur, Jharsuguda, Bargarh, Barpali, Bolangir etc. use to travel to Allahabad to perform rituals and shradhh karma of the dead ones of their families. As there is no direct train to Allahabad from these places, the commuters face lot of inconvenience to reach Allahabad. Particularly, the senior citizens and ladies are the most sufferers as the commuters to Allahabad are required to break journey due to non-availability of direct train service. A direct train service to Allahabad either from Sambaipur or from Bolangir will not only facilitate train travellers smooth journey to Allahabad and other places en-route, it would also fetch considerable revenue to the Railways. I would, therefore, urge upon the Railway Minister to sanction a train from Bolangir to Allahabad with immediate effect for the greater benefit of the people of the region.

The 2871 UP/2872 DN Howrah-Sambalpur-Howrah Ispat Express runs between Howrah and Sambaipur, the travel period being 10 hrs. only, these trains have enough time to halt at Howrah and Sambaipur railway stations. If this can be extended up to Titlagarh from Sambaipur covering 180 kms. extra route, a large number of commuters of Western Orissa will benefit and they will get a direct link to Howrah. I would request the Railway Minister to consider both the above proposals and implement them at the earliest.