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Title: Need to introduce an express train between Bhubaneswar and Tatanagar via Keonjhargarh and to extend Howrah-Barbil Jana Shatabadi Express to Kenojhargarh.

SHRI ANANTA NAYAK (KEONJHAR): Keonjhar is one of the few districts in Eastern India which has not been provided with train services even after sixty years of Independence. On the other hand, it is the richest mineral bearing district in the country. A large number of people go from Keonjhar to Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi and other major cities in connection with various work or social commitment. But the district is not well connected with Rail network. Now, a line is being laid connecting Paradip and Tatanagar to transport cargos from that district. In fact, maximum freight of East Coast Railway originate from Keonjhar district.

As such, I demand that an express train be introduced between Bhubaneswar and Tatanagar via Keonjhargarh connecting Geetanjali Express and other Howrah-Mumbai and Mumbai-Howrah bound trains at the earliest. Similarly, Howrah-Barbil Jana Shatabadi Express be extended to Keonjhargarh forthwith.