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

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 who are either original inhabitant or working class including employees of various companies go from Keonjhar to Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi and other major cities in the country in connection with their official work or social commitment. , But the district is very much neglected in train communication. Now, a line is laid connecting Paradip and Tatanagar to transport cargo from that district. In fact, maximum freight of East Coast Railway originate from Keonjhar district. When the Railways is earning so much revenue from that district the indifference on Rail Communication to a mineral rich area is not justified.

As such, I demand that an express train should be introduced between Bhubaneswar and Tatanagar via Keonjhargarh connecting Geetanjali Express and other Howrah-Mumbai and Mumbai-Howrah bound trains without any further delay. Similarly, Howrah-Barbil Jana Shatabadi Express should be extended to Keonjhargarh forthwith.