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Title: Need to create a new Railway Division at Jajpur-Keonjhar Road in Orissa.

SHRI MOHAN JENA (JAJPUR): I would like to bring to the attention of the Government towards my district headquarters railway station i.e. Jajpur-Keonjhar Road. The very name itself speaks many things about this railway station. It represents the mineral rich but socially and economically backward districts i.e. Jajpur and Keonjhar of Odisha. Both the Lok Sabha constituencies are reserved for SCs and STs respectively due to their sizeable population. So, as per the envisaged goal of the Indian Railway, this area is socially desirable area to get the attention of the railway. So, as an elected representative, I would like to ventilate the genuine and just demand of Jajpur and Keonjhar on the floor of this House, that is to create a new Railway Division at J.K. Road by reorganizing both East Coast Railway and South Eastern Railway Zones.

The East Coast Railway is the smallest Railway Zones of the country consisting of only three railway divisions i.e. Khurda Road, Sambalpur and Waltiar. Several mineral rich areas, important cities and industrial centers remain outside the jurisdiction of East Coast Railway. Hence, the revenue generated from the entire area is going to South Eastern Railway depriving Odisha and East Coast Railway Zone. That is why the reorganization of Railway Zones and creation of another new Division at J.K. Road is of paramount importance.

Another pertinent argument is that this J.K. Road is situated within the area of Kalinga Nagar Steel hub. The Dhamarand Paradip Port is near to this place via Jajpur town. It also serves as gateway to Buddhist sites located in Jajpur district.

So, I demand for creation of a new Railway Division at J.K. Road with immediate effect.