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Title: Need to improve railway services and facilities in Mayurbhanj parliamentary constituency in Odisha.

SHRI LAXMAN TUDU (MAYURBHANJ): Tata-Badampahar broad gauge section, in my poor and backward tribal dominated parliamentary constituency Mayurbhanj, comes under Chakradharpur division of South Eastern Railway (SER). This section is more than 105 years old. But the present conditions of this section and the stations under this section are very pathetic. Even minimum passenger amenities as prescribed by Ministry of Railways based on annual passenger earnings have not been provided at most of the stations in this section. Even after several repeated demands and requests, SER is not at all taking any steps in this regard. As a result of this, the passengers of my constituency are suffering a lot.

Similarly, at present only one pair of passenger trains is operating in this section whereas the requirement and demand of the people of my constituency are for more passenger train services. Therefore, a new passenger train service between Tata and Badampahar and a new express train service between Badampahar and Rourkela/Ranchi/Chakradharpur must be introduced in this section for the larger interest of the poor and backward tribals of my constituency. Moreover, this section must be extended from Gorumahishani to Bangriposi and from Badampahar to Keonjhar respectively for the larger interest and socio-economic development of the poor and backward tribals of my constituency.

Therefore, I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister of Railways to take necessary steps immediately to develop this section and fulfill the demands and expectations of the people of my constituency.