

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding curtailment of frequency of Rajdhani Express from Bhubaneswar to Delhi.

SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA (BALASORE): From 10th February 2018, the frequency of Rajdhani Express from Bhubaneswar to Delhi via my constituency Balasore has been reduced due to introduction of a new service of Rajdhani Express via Sambalpur City. The frequency of Rajdhani to Delhi running via Bhadrak and Adra, has been brought down to twice in a week, from the earlier 3 times. Although it is commendable that the railways is heeding to long standing demands of a Sambalpur line, this move has deprived thousands of passengers of my constituency from accessing railway services. With 3 days a week service, there was intense scramble for tickets, and it was difficult for the common man to get a reserved seat. Now with reduced operations, it will further deteriorate the situation. I urge the minister to consider genuine demands of Odisha regarding connectivity to main metro cities of India.