

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding introduction of a train from Dhenkanal to Chennai

SHRI MAHESH SAHOO (DHENKANAL): Sir, railway network plays an important role in the overall development of a region or place. Dhenkanal is one of the important district towns of Odisha and has several mines and other industrial units around the nearby locations. The railway station at Dhenkanal serves as the life line for the people and is connected with several towns and cities.

Chennai is the closest metropolitan city to Dhenkanal by distance after Kolkata. However, till today there are no direct train service to Chennai from the place. Several trains pass through Dhenkanal railway station, but none of them have Chennai as destination. There has been a long-standing demand from the people of my Parliamentary constituency that there should be a train from Dhenkanal which will connect the district town to Chennai. A train to Chennai that originates from Dhenkanal or a train with Chennai as destination be diverted and allowed to pass through Dhenkanal with a stoppage. This would help in the growth of economic activities both in Dhenkanal as well as along the route.

Therefore, I urge upon the Hon'ble Minister of Railways to consider the long standing demand of the people of my constituency and introduce a train to Chennai.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Shri Srinivas Kesineni – not present.

Shri K. Navaskani – not present.

Shri P. Ravindhranath