

Regarding need to introduce passenger train services in Kendrapara district, Odisha-laid

SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY (KENDRAPARA): Even after more than 75 years of our Nation's Independence, people of my constituency, Kendrapada, have not yet seen passenger train in their soil. I had raised the issue that there are no passenger train services in Kendrapara several times in this August House. However, I got the reply from the Ministry of Railway that the Kendrapara Road railway station is just 5 km from Cuttack, so it is not operationally feasible for any rail connectivity. I was then assured by the Hon'ble Minister for a clarification on this in this House itself. I even wrote to the Parliamentary Committee on Government Assurances but, have not received any response yet. I want to clarify that 'Kendrapara Road' (Railway Station in Cuttack District) is not in Kendrapara district. And no passenger train services are operational even when it is 60 km away from Cuttack. The people of the district are yet to get passenger train services for the employment of youth, for revenue generation and for the development of Kendrapara. Thus, I along with the response of the Minister of Railways, demand passenger train services immediately on behalf of the people of Kendrapara Parliamentary Constituency, Odisha.

