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Title: Need to provide halt at Dhanmandal railway station of new Delhi-Bound train in Jajpur Parliamentary Constituency, Odhisha.

SHRI MOHAN JENA (JAJPUR): Sir, I would like to invite the attention of the Railway Ministry to the fact that Dhanmandal is a railway station which dates back to the British era. This station is the gateway to three coastal districts of Odisha – Jajpur, Kendrapada and Cuttack.

Sir, Dhanmandal is a vibrant station wherefrom the Railways can garner substantial amount of revenue from passenger fares. It has been long pending demand of the local people to have direct railway connectivity to New Delhi. Besides, this is the station, which is the virtual gateway to Diamond Buddhist Triangle - Lalitgiri, Udaygiri and Ratnagiri having a lot of tourist potential. Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Ministry of Railways for the stoppage of at least two pair of New Delhi-bound train for daily connectivity, namely, Puri-New Delhi Neelanchal Express via Tata Nagar, weekly three days, and Puri-New Delhi Nandan Kanan Express via Adra, weekly four days at Dhanmandal Railway Station. For daily connectivity to New Delhi, we need both the above mentioned trains.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri B. Mahtab is allowed to associate with the issue raised by Shri Mohan Jena.