

Title: Need to stop all the South-West bound trains at Kokrajhar and construction of road overbridges and sanction of a Medical College at Kokrajhar, Assam.

SHRI SANSUMA KHUNGGUR BWISWMUTHIARY (KOKRAJHAR): Sir, thank you for giving me this opportunity to raise a matter of urgent public importance.

Sir, through you I would like to strongly urge upon the Government of India, particularly the Union Minister of Railways to take proper steps to help to resolve the long pending genuine demands pertaining to the railway service facility related problems being faced by the people of Bodoland territory. I have been raising this issue on various occasions in the last one decade since 1998.

Sir, Kokrajhar is the headquarters of Bodoland territory and at the same time it happens to be the headquarters of Kokrajhar district as well which is the last bordering district of Assam adjoining the State of West Bengal. Kokrajhar is the gateway of India to enter the north-eastern region and all the trains have to cross Kokrajhar Railway station while entering the north-eastern region from the South-Western part of the country and while departing from the North-Eastern region. But unfortunately, except the Rajdhani Express train the Guwahati – Chennai bound express train, none of the important South-West bound train has a stoppage at Kokrajhar Railway station. This situation has deprived the people of the Bodoland territory from enjoying the facility of boarding the South West bound trains at Kokrajhar station who intend to visit some important cities like Chennai for medical treatment, to Bangalore and Hyderabad for educational purposes. This situation has hurt the sentiments of the people of that area and the Government should intervene in the matter so that all the trains start stopping at Kokrajhar station with immediate effect. The following trains should be given stoppage at Kokrajhar Railway Station with immediate effect. The trains are as follows: The Poorvator Sampark Kranti Express; Ernakulam Guwahati Express; Bangalore Express; Trivandrum Express; Lohit Express; Saraighat Express; Jhajha Express; Secunderabad Express; Capital Express; Bikaner-Jodhpur Express, Okha Express; Puri Express, Lokmanya Tilak Express, Amarnath Express and Amritsar Express. If this is not done with immediate effect then tens of thousands of people will start agitation and put blockade on the N.F. Railway tracks either in the month of June or July.