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Title: Need to introduce a daily AC express train between Mumbai and Bhubaneswar/Puri.

SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY (DHENKANAL): Madam, actually, I was praising his forward looking thing and I also have separate views on privacy. I am not talking about metadata. I would like to bring to your notice that Mumbai is not well connected by train with Odisha. I request the hon. Minister of Railways to introduce a daily AC express train operational between Mumbai and Puri-Khurda Road via Sambalpur and Dhenkanal. The frequency of the existing weekly trains may also be increased so as to cover all days of the week in order to facilitate smooth, comfortable and hassle-free journey of the passengers.

Madam, as you are aware, Odisha is famous as an epicentre of cultural heritage, with Puri being one of the celebrated Hindu pilgrimage centres while Mumbai is the commercial Capital of the country. I am used to ORISSA and BOMBAY. What to do, Madam? My hair is also grey. There are sufficient reasons for both the locations to be connected with each other socially, economically and spiritually. Scores of people from Odisha are working in different sectors in Mumbai and they heavily depend upon the railways for their journey.

Similarly, a large number of visitors from Maharashtra come to Odisha regularly. Due to paucity of trains between the two States, the citizens at large face hardships. I would suggest that a daily AC train may immediately be introduced between Mumbai and Puri.

HON. SPEAKER:

Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Tathagata Satpathy.