

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1898
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PASSENGER TRAINS PLANNED THROUGH NEW RAILWAY LINES IN JHARKHAND

1898 # SHRI SAMIR ORAON:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal is under consideration in the Railways/Board to start new and long distance passenger trains via Coal India Chord (CIC) section, Daltonganj, Garhwa on Ranchi-Lohardaga-Tori rail line built at a cost of ₹664 crore;
- (b) whether there is a plan to start New Delhi, Kolkata or any other long-distance passenger train via Ranchi-Barkakana-Hazaribagh Town-Koderma rail line, built at a cost of ₹3020 crore; and
- (c) whether the Railway/Board proposes to start any long-distance passenger train from New Giridih to Ranchi, Kolkata or Patna on the Koderma-Maheshmunda rail line, built at a cost of ₹926 crore?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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(a) to (c) All the three lines, Ranchi-Tori, Koderma-Ranchi and Koderma-Maheshmunda were primarily built as mineral corridors to evacuate coal, iron-ore and other minerals. Koderma-Ranchi and Koderma-Maheshmunda have been funded on 50:50 cost sharing basis by Government of Jharkhand and Railway. During the last financial year, 6512 freight trains have been operated on these sections.

These sections are served by 28 passenger services including 04 Rajdhani and 02 Vande Bharat services. Besides, introduction of train is an ongoing process over Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability etc.