GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 232 ANSWERED ON 21.03.2025

TRAIN CONNECTIVITY FROM BARIPADA TO PURI

*232 DR. SASMIT PATRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 08011/08012 special train, currently running two days a week between Bhanjpur and Puri, can be converted into a regular service and run seven days a week to meet the increasing passenger demand;
- (b) whether the Ministry has any plans to introduce a Chair Car train service from Bhubaneswar to Bangiriposhi in the early morning, to facilitate office-goers in Baripada and Mayurbhanj, ensuring timely arrival by 10:00 AM; and
- (c) whether there are any plans to run Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) or Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) trains from Baripada to Bhubaneswar to address the connectivity concerns of economically disadvantaged passengers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 232 BY DR. SASMIT PATRA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 21.03.2025 REGARDING TRAIN CONNECTIVITY FROM BARIPADA TO PURI

(a) to (c) To cater to the needs of passengers, Indian Railway operates regular train services which are supplemented by special services to meet the extra rush of passengers. Accordingly, Bhanjpur-Puri sector is served by 01 pair of train service viz. 12891/12892 Bangriposi-Puri Express (Daily), which operates with Chair Car coaches in its composition. 12891 Bangriposi-Puri Express departs from Bangriposi at 04:20 hrs, its timings at Baripada is 05:04/05:06 hrs and it arrives Bhubaneswar at 10:00 hrs. The Bhanjpur-Puri sector is also being served by 08011/08012 Bhanjpur-Puri Special (Bi-weekly) which operates via Baripada and Bhubaneswar. Besides, introduction of new train services/ increase in frequency of services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.
