

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2398  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023**

**DIRECT TRAIN CONNECTING DHENKANAL WITH CHENNAI**

**2398. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Government is aware that there is no direct train connecting Dhenkanal with Chennai, if so, the details thereof;**

**(b) whether the Government proposes to connect Dhenkanal with Chennai either by a train originating from Dhenkanal or by stoppage of any train to Chennai that passes through Dhenkanal;**

**(c) if so, the time by which the same will be done; and**

**(d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (d) At present, there is no direct train connecting Dhenkanal with Chennai. It is operationally not feasible to introduce train service between Dhenkanal and Chennai, at present. However, Chennai bound passengers of Dhenkanal may avail change over at Bhubaneswar, which is approximately 60 km away from Dhenkanal. Besides, introduction/stoppage of train services over Indian Railways is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, commercial justification etc.**

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