

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3698
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024**

**EXTENDING TRAIN SERVICES TO DHANBAD, TERMINATING AT
RANCHI/HATIA**

3698. SHRI DULU MAHATO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has suo motu conducted a feasibility study for extending train services to Dhanbad, terminating at Ranchi/Hatia, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the proposed extension would benefit not only Dhanbad but also Bokaro Steel City by providing additional train services; and**
- (c) if so, the measures being taken by the Government to assess the demand for these extended services, including the passenger traffic and infrastructure requirements for said cities?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) On Indian Railways, extension of train services is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, resource availability etc.

To cater to the needs of Ranchi- Bokaro Steel City- Dhanbad sector, 34 train services are being operated. This includes 18119/18120 Tatanagar- Jaynagar Express via Dhanbad introduced w.e.f 16.08.2024 serving Bokaro Steel City- Dhanbad sector. Further, to cater to the additional needs of passengers, 03 pairs of Special trains are also being operated during festivals, holidays, etc. serving the said sector.

Besides, Dhanbad is well served by 142 train services providing connectivity to important destinations like Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Secunderabad etc.
