

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4490
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025**

NEW TRAIN FROM BANSPANI TO BARBIL

4490. SHRI ANANTA NAYAK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the long-standing public demand for introduction of a passenger train service between Banspani and Barbil in Keonjhar district of Odisha and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any feasibility study or survey in this regard and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether there is any plan under consideration to introduce a MEMU/DEMU/passenger train service in this short stretch, which currently lacks proper public rail transport and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, whether the Government considers taking necessary steps to address this legitimate public need, given the growing economic and social importance of this region?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Introduction of new trains, increase in frequency of existing trains, extension of existing trains etc. on any route/section depends on various factors which include:

- Capacity of that section,**
- Availability of path,**
- Availability of required rolling stock,**

- **Availability of matching infrastructure for rolling stock,**
- **Maintenance requirement of railway tracks and other assets**

Considering the above factors, presently, Barbil is being served by 6 train services viz. 12021/22 Howrah-Barbil Jan Shatabdi Express, 18415/16 Barbil-Puri Express and 68125/26 Tatanagar-Barbil MEMU. Similarly, Banspani is being served by 8 train services viz. 20891/20892 Tatnagar-Brahmapur Vande Bharat Express, 20815/20816 Tatanagar-Vishakapatnam Express, 18427/18428 Puri-Anand Vihar (T) Express and 18415/18416 Barbil-Puri Express. Further, Barbil is connected to Banspani by 18415/18416 Puri-Barbil Express.

To increase the capacity of the rail network and hence to run more trains, Indian Railways have taken up network expansion works in a big way.
