GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.577
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025

BETTER CONNECTIVITY OF TRAIN SERVICES

†577. SHRI DULU MAHATO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that Train No. 15625/26 Agartala-Deoghar Express connects North Eastern India to Deoghar in Jharkhand but does not connect major railway stations like Dhanbad, Madhupur and Jamtara even though the number of passenger going from these areas to North Eastern States is increasing continuously and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that due to discontinuation of Jhajha-Dibrugarh rail service, passengers from these areas are facing inconvenience in reaching North-East India and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to extend the Agartala-Deoghar express route to Dhanbad in order to improve regional connectivity;

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the service of this train from weekly to tri-weekly and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to take any concrete steps for a quick decision in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) Presently, 15625/15626 Agartala-Deoghar Express is being operated as a weekly service on the Agartala -Guwahati- New Jalpaiguri-Khagaria- Munger- Bhagalpur-Banka- Deoghar sector. Besides, Kiul (around 50 km from Jhajha) is connected to Guwahati by 03 pairs of trains, while Dhanbad is connected to Guwahati by the 15661/62 Ranchi-Kamakhya Express.

As a part of rationalisation of the time table undertaken with the assistance of IIT-Bombay, the services of 15941/42 Jhajha-Dibrugarh Express have been discontinued.

Besides, extension and increase in frequency of train services are on-going processes on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.

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