

Regarding Need to provide stoppage for Bhubaneswar - Visakhapatnam Intercity Express or Brahmapur Express at Sigadam Railway Station in Andhra Pradesh-Laid

SHRI APPALANAIDU KALISSETTI (VIZIANAGARAM): I wish to draw the attention of the Government to the long-pending demand for an express train halt at Sigadam Railway Station in Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh. Sigadam serves nearly 28 surrounding villages within a 9?11 km radius, with an estimated 900?1000 daily commuters travelling to Visakhapatnam, which is only 105 km away. At present, except for an early morning passenger train, there is no daytime express connectivity for nearly eight and a half hours. One passenger service remains suspended since COVID and has not been restored. Despite about 45 trains passing daily on this important route, no major express halts at Sigadam. Senior citizens, students, job-seeking youth, and women commuters are facing severe hardship due to limited connectivity and poor bus alternatives. I therefore urge the Hon?ble Minister of Railway to kindly consider sanctioning a halt for the Bhubaneswar?Visakhapatnam Intercity Express or Brahmapur Express at Sigadam Railway Station in the interest of public convenience and regional equity.