

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by hon. Member, Shri Aditya Prasad: Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shri Pradip Kumar Varma (Jharkhand), Shri Shambhu Sharan Patel (Bihar), Shri Deepak Prakash (Jharkhand) and Dr. Kalpana Saini (Uttarakhand).

Now, Shri Subhasish Khuntia.

### **Demand to rename Puri Railway Station as Shree Jagannath Dham Puri Railway Station**

SHRI SUBHASISH KHUNTIA (Odisha): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to draw your kind attention to renaming of Puri Railway Station as Shree Jagannath Dham Puri Railway Station. Puri is known for Mahaprabhu Lord Shree Jagannath and it is one of the four dhams. As a holy place of pilgrimage and spirituality as well as international tourist hub, Shree Jagannath Dham Puri is not only famous in India but also across the globe. Lord Shree Jagannath is the cornerstone of Odisha's cultural identity. The influence reverberates through Odia art, music, culture and literature. The reverence for the Lord is woven into the very fabric of Odisha. Puri is also a tourist destination where lakhs of people come to Puri every day for holidaying. UNESCO Heritage Site Konark Sun Temple, which is 35 km away from Puri, and Asia's biggest Chilika Lake, which is 50 km away, are major tourist hubs of international attraction.

This renaming is aimed at strengthening the cultural and religious connections associated with Puri, also enhancing the visibility of the city's spiritual importance on national and international stage. The move aligns with the Government of India's efforts to preserve and promote legacy of ancient Indian temples and pilgrimage centres. Your noble effort would be a great reverence to the Lord and will enhance the pilgrimage experience of devotees visiting Puri and contribute to further growth of spiritual tourism in Odisha. *Jai Jagannath! Bande Utkala Janani!*

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Now, Shri Mohammed Nadimul Haque.