

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1843
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2001
TRAIN BETWEEN HYDERABAD-VIJAYAWADA-VASCO-DE GAMA
A.P. JITHENDER REDDY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have discontinued rail service between Hyderabad-Vijayawada-Vasco-De Gama;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government have received repeated requests from the Government of Andhra Pradesh to restore the service on daily basis to facilitate the Andhraties residing in Goa; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to acced to the request of the State Government ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (d): At present, 7227/7228 Amravati Express (biweekly) is available between Vijayawada and Vasco and four slip coaches are being attached by 7003/7004 Secunderabad-Dharmavaram Express and 7227/7228 Amravati Express between Secunderabad and Vasco. These services have neither been discontinued nor is there proposal to do so. Daily running of these services has not been found feasible at present due to operational constraints especially on Castle Rock-Kulem ghat section.