

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4708
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2001
STOPPAGE OF TRAINS AT NAVAPUR AND DONDAICHA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received representation from the Members of Parliament for providing stoppage of mail and express trains at Navapur and Dondaicha railway stations running on the Surat-Bhusawal rail line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the income earned by the Railways from the passengers' ticket fares at Navapur and Dondaicha railway stations and whether the said income is less than the minimum income earned at any railway station in the country where a mail or express train has been provided a stoppage;
- (d) if not, whether the Government propose to ascertain the facts if Railways are incurring losses or not by providing a stoppage at Navapur railway station; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4708 BY SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.8.2001 REGARDING STOPPAGE OF TRAINS AT NAVAPUR AND DONDAICHA.

(a) to (e) : Demands have been received from MPs, MLAs etc. including from Shri Manikrao Hodlya Gavit, MP to provide the stoppage of Surat-Varanasi Tapti-Ganga Express & Chennai- Ahmedabad Navjeevan Express at Navapur and Hapa-Howrah Express, Okha-Puri Express, Ahmedabad-Puri Express, Ahmedabad-Bangalore Express, Ahmedabad-Chennai Navjeevan Express, Surat-Varanasi Tapti-Ganga Express & Surat-Patna Express at Dondaicha station.

While deciding on the need for a new stoppage of a train the factors to be taken into account are (1) sale of tickets (2) population of towns/cities (3) trains already stopping/availability of alternative services (4) convenience of the existing services (5) new developments taking place (6) operational problems of availability of path and platform at enroute stations (7) pattern of traffic (8) passing time of the trains (9) nature of the train and (10) additional costs involved in stoppage of a train.

The daily average originating passenger at Navapur is 421 and that of Dondaicha are 905 and the daily average earning of Navapur is Rs. 13,500/- and that of Dondaicha is Rs. 22,673/-.

After examining the above, stoppage of Surat-Varanasi Tapti-Ganga Express (5 days in a week) and Surat-Patna Express (bi-weekly) at Dondaicha station has been provided from 1.11.2000. Stoppage of 615/616 Chennai Egmore-Jodhpur Summer Special train (weekly) was also provided at Dondaicha during 2001.

Stoppage of other trains at Navapur and Dondaicha stations has not been found feasible at present.