

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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REQUEST FOR STOPPAGE OF TRAINS AND BETTER FACILITIES FROM MPS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received written requests from the Members of Parliament for stoppage of trains at different places during the last six months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) whether Sealdah-New Delhi Rajdhani does not stop at Gaya while the other two Rajdhani stop there ;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to provide stoppage of the said train at Gaya;
- (e) whether the Members of Parliament have also complained of poor facilities of beds/ unhygienic food etc. on long route trains; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken to provide better facilities/amenities and good quality food at reasonable rates in trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a)&(b) Yes, Sir. Receiving of requests for stoppages of trains is an ongoing process. These are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Rajdhani trains are premier services, which are scheduled for through passengers in shortest transit times between the originating and terminating stations. Since speed and time are of essence, only few intermediate stoppages are provided and these are also staggered.
- (e) & (f) Railways have taken a number of policy initiatives with a view to improve quality food in long distance trains including supply of pre-cooked wholesome meals at pre-determined rates, packed in aluminum casseroles and food is served in trays to maintain hygiene. Inspections are conducted at various levels and stringent action taken in case of complaints.