

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXTENSION OF REWARI-RATANGARH-DEGANA PASSENGER TRAIN UPTO DELHI

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that metre gauge Jodhpur-Delhi Mail running for more than four decades between Jodhpur and Delhi via Degana, Ratangarh and Rewari was first diverted in 1994 and then withdrawn totally;
- (b) if so, whether since then persistent demands have been made from various quarters including general public to run a metre gauge mail train between Delhi and Degana via Rewari and Ratangarh in place of Jodhpur Mail;
- (c) if so, whether the Government have turned down all these demands on the plea that it is not feasible to do so;
- (d) if so, whether the Government propose to extend the 1RRD/2RRD Rewari-Ratangarh-Degana passenger train to Delhi Sarai Rohilla as the gauge conversion between Rewari and Degana is not progressing at all; and
- (e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be extended?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Introduction of a new metre gauge train between Delhi and Degana via Rewari & Ratangarh extension of 1RRD/2RRD Passenger trains upto Delhi Sarai Rohilla is not feasible due to operational and resource constraints. However, a sleeper class slip coach is running between Delhi Sarai Rohilla and Degana by 4 DR/4710-4709/1 DR trains for the passengers of Degana-Rewari desirous of travelling to Delhi.