

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STOPPAGE OF NEW DELHI-MUMBAI CENTRAL RAJDHANI EXPRESS AT VAPI

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether New Delhi-Mumbai Central Rajdhani Express covers a distance of around 450 kms. between Baroda and Mumbai virtually without any stoppage;

(b) whether the Government have been receiving representations from various quarters to give a stoppage to this train at Vapi which has been declared as a Super Station 'A' Grade and is conveniently located almost half way between Mumbai Central and Baroda; and

(c) if so, the time by which the Government propose to provide a stoppage to this train at Vapi for the convenience of the travelling public of four Parliamentary Constituencies of Daman & Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Bulsar (Gujarat) and Dehanu?

Answer

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

(a) The distance between Vadodara and Mumbai Central is 392 Kms and the 2951/2952 Mumbai-New Delhi Rajdhani Express does not stop on this stretch.

(b) & (c) Some representations for stoppage of 2951/2952 Mumbai-New Delhi Rajdhani Express at Vapi have been received and examined but not found implementable at present for lack of commercial and operational feasibility as also to retain the exclusive and fast-transit character of the Rajdhani Express trains.