

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2390
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INTRODUCTION OF DIRECT RAIL LINK BETWEEN CHANDIGARH AND SOUTH
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the persistent demand to introduce direct rail link between Chandigarh and the South;
- (b) if so, the response of the Government thereto and steps proposed to meet the need to the people;
- (c) whether the desirability of extending Shramjivi Express, Vaishali Express, Awadh Assam and Amarpali Express to Kalka/Chandigarh also has been considered; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. It is proposed to introduce a weekly train service between Chennai and Chandigarh via New Delhi, Saharanpur during 2003-2004.
- (c): Extension of these trains upto Kalka/Chandigarh has been examined but not found feasible.
- (d): Does not arise.