

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4078
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WITHDRAWAL OF TRAIN SERVICE ON ANDAL-PALASTHALI LINE
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether train service on Andal-Palasthali line of Eastern Railway has been withdrawn; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Due to the illegal mining being carried out near Palasthali, Kuardih, Sultanpur, Kashta and Palihapur area, water during the last rains entered the cavities of the track and the soil strength has reduced. This may result in subsidence of the land under the track and therefore, running of trains on the section is not safe and the train services have been suspended on the section.

However, inspection in the area is being carried out by the Railways and the Coal Company officials to take a view for running of trains on the section.