

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4170

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DIVERSION OF ROUTES OF TRAINS BETWEEN HATIA AND MUMBAI VIA ROURKELA
DUKHA BHAGAT;RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to divert the route of the trains running between Hatia and Mumbai via Rourkela instead of its existing route through Allahabad;

(a) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the outcome of the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) No, Sir. At present, there is no proposal to divert 8609/8610 Ranchi-Lokmanya Tilak (Terminus) Express. However, it is proposed to introduce a new weekly Express train between Ranchi and Lokmanya Tilak (Terminus) via Rourkela, Nagpur during 2003-2004.