

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3663
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2001
FACILITIES PROVIDED UNDER MUGHALSARAI DIVISION IN BIHAR
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the requisite information has been collected;
- (b) if so, whether the same has been laid on the Table;
- (c) whether his Ministry have suo moto examined the press report published in the "Hindustan" (Patna edition) dated December 11, 2000; and
- (d) if so, the measures his Ministry have taken to provide the facilities in Bihar by the Mughalsarai Division?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : Yes Sir, The requisite information was collected and sent to Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs on 14.6.2001. A copy of the information is enclosed.

VI session, 2001 of the XIII Lok Sabha

Ministry of Railways

Date of Fulfilment

| Q. No., date & Name of MP | Subject | Promise made fulfilled | How delay | Reasons for |
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| USQ. No. 3763 dated 22.3.2001 by Shri Ramjee Manjhi | FACILITIES PROVIDED BY MUGHALSARAI DIVISION IN BIHAR Asking:- (a) whether attention of the Government has been | (b) & (c) : Information is being collected and will be laid on the table | (b) & (c) : The position has been explained in Annexure. | |
| | drawn to the news- item captioned, "Mughalsarai Rail Mandal Ka Adikansh Hisaa Bihar mein; Suvidhaan Uttar Pradesh Ko" appearing in the 'Hindustan', Patna, dated December 11, 2000; | of the Sabha. | | |

(b) if so, the
details of points
brought out in the
news-item and the
reaction of the
Government thereon;
and

(c) the steps taken to provide better facilities to the residents of the area falling in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh?

Annexure

(Referred to in the implementation report on fulfilment of Assurance given in reply to Lok Sabha USQ. No. 3763 answered on 22.3.2001)

The question relates to mainly access of PRS/Mughalsarai in the reservation quota of 3010 Dn Doon Express, 9305 Shipra Express and 1160/1182 Chambal Expresses to the quota of PRS Gaya and extended run of the slip coaches of 3009/3010 Howrah-Dehradun Doon Express meant for Gaya to Mughalsarai, creation of maintenance facilities at Gaya etc. The position is as under:-

1. Extension of Howrah-Gaya coaches by 3010 Dehradun-Howrah Express upto Mughalsarai resulting in depletion of reserved accommodation at Gaya

Two sleeper coaches are provided as Howrah-Gaya slip coach by 3009/3010 Doon Express for reservation from Gaya of Mughalsarai division. The run of these slip coaches was extended to Mughalsarai during the last decade. The coaches were extended to clear commuters between Gaya and Mughalsarai and reserved passengers were booked from Gaya and onwards towards Howrah. Since the slip coaches by 3009 Up/3010 Dn were running upto Mughalsarai for operational reasons and their utilization ex. Gaya was found ranging between 50-55%, facility for booking of tickets ex. Mughalsarai in these coaches was also extended to the passengers at Mughalsarai w.e.f. 27.1.2001 purely with a view to improve utilization of these coaches on the railway and also in meeting the larger interests of the passengers in general.

2. Utilisation of reservation quota allotted at Gaya by Mughalsarai passengers by 2307/2308 Howrah-Jodhpur Express and 9305/9306 Howrah-Indore Shipra Express:

Gaya has been provided with a quota of 72 berths by 1182 Dn/1160 Dn Chambal Express and 52 berths by 9305 Dn Shipra Express. These berths can be booked for travel ex. Gaya only. Instructions have been given to Eastern Railway administration to prevent its misuse, if any.

3. Abolishing of Gaya quota in 2801 Puri-New Delhi Purushottam Express and 8605 and making it first come first served system:

After introduction of a new reservation policy, the reservation quotas allotted by Mail/Express trains at various stations have been rationalised by clubbing the quotas of adjacent stations and giving access to a larger accommodation. Accordingly the reservation quota available at Gaya by 2801 Puri Express and 8605 Jharkhand Swarnajayanti has been clubbed with the reservation quotas of Sasaram, Dehri-on-Sone & Mughalsarai and general access has been given to the enhanced reservation quota by these trains on first-come-first-served basis.

4. Development of terminal facilities at Gaya:

Facilities provided at Gaya are considered adequate for the level of traffic handled at Gaya.

5. Running of Gaya-Dhanbad trains as announced in Rail Budget 3 years back:

In the Minister of Railways Budget Speech, three years back, it was announced that Main Line EMU (MEMU) services will be introduced on Dhanbad-Gomoh-Gaya section. Accordingly, 043/044 Dhanbad-Hazaribagh and 045/046 Hazaribagh-Gaya trains are being run with MEMU rakes.

6. Provision of Jet cleaners at Gaya:

Two High Pressure Jet Cleaning Machines are available at coach Maintenance Depot at Gaya which are regularly used for cleaning of rakes of trains based at Gaya for maintenance.

7. Provision of medicine shop at Gaya station:

Zonal railway has been advised to take necessary action keeping in view the requirement of travelling public.