

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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MATRUBHUMI EXPRESS TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether under the Matrubhumi scheme, almost all the States have been given the benefit of special trains for vacations and festivals in the current railway budget;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Gujarat State is being deprived of this benefit; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (d): Geographical boundaries of States are not a Criteria for introducing trains on Indian Railways. Trains are run subject to operational feasibility, availability of resources and traffic justification.