

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:288

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FREQUENCY OF TRIVANDRUM RAJDHANI EXPRESS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Hazrat Nizamuddin- Trivandrum Rajdhani Express is running only twice in a week despite the fact that it is one of the most profit making trains;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is aware that advance booking for the said train is always remains full almost sixty days in advance especially during vacation and festival seasons as it is running via Konkan Railway and connecting important cities like Baroda, Ratnagiri, Madgaon, Uduppi, Mangalore, Calicut, Cochin etc;
- (c) if so, whether thousands of students from North India studying in Manipal, Mangalore etc. for their higher studies is commuting by this train and facing difficulties to get a reservation as it running only two days in a week;
- (d) if so, whether the Government is considering to run the train daily in view of the above facts; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The occupation of the train is generally full in 3 AC & 2 AC classes and some passengers may not get confirmed accommodation in these classes.

(d) & (e): Though it may be desirable, daily running of 2431/2432 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Trivandrum Rajdhani Express is not feasible, at present, due to operational and resource constraints.