

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DOWN GRADATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railway authorities are considering to down-grade the status of two stations, namely Malatipur and Taki Road stations, on Barasat-Hasnabad section under Eastern Railway to halt stations;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Railway authorities have conducted any survey in this regard and suggest measures which would not affect the local life; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Malatipur and Taki Road flag stations are located on the uneconomic branch line over Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway and have been running at heavy recurring loss. In order to reduce expenses, the modalities of sale of tickets has been changed from departmental staff to contractor after conducting a review of these sections. There has been no reduction in the amenities provided at these stations.