

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:550
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EXTENSION OF GARIB RATH TRAIN SERVICE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the `Garib Rath` train service would be extended to the adivasi regions;
- (b) if so, the time by which this service is likely to be extended;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to introduce ?Garib Rath? trains on routes which have high density of passenger traffic;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Railways propose to introduce ?Garib Rath? train from New Delhi to Nandoorbar, an adivasi dominated region in Maharashtra; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Introduction/extension of trains including Garib Rath services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, resource availability and traffic justification. Indian Railways is alive to the needs of tribal regions and has proposed the following Garib Rath services which inter-alia will serve these regions:

1. 2993/2994 Jaipur-Bandra (T) Garib Rath Express (Tri-weekly)
2. 2831/2832 Bhubaneswar-Ranchi Garib Rath Express (Tri-weekly)
3. 2517/2518 Kolkata-Guwahati Garib Rath Express (Bi-weekly)
4. 2535/2536 Raipur-Lucknow Garib Rath Express (Bi-weekly)

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.