

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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STOPPAGE OF AWADH EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that Awadh Express was made to halt for long hours at Kota Junction during March 2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there has been an increase in the cases of travelling by General Class Passengers in the Sleeper or other higher class;
- (d) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken/to be taken by the Railways to check this practice?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAIJ. RATHWA)

- (a) & (b): Awadh Express has a scheduled halt of 20 minutes at Kota Junction station. During the month of March 2006 the train started from Kota within the scheduled halt period except for 9040 UP on 24.03.2006 which halted for 25 minutes i.e. 5 minutes more than the scheduled halt for precedence to 2904 Up Golden Temple Mail.
- (c) to (e): Cases of irregular travel in reserved coaches of all classes do come to notice. Regular and surprise checks are conducted to prevent the entry of unauthorised passengers into reserved coaches Persons so detected are dealt with as per relevant provisions of the Railways Act.