

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:513
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UPGRADATION OF CHOLA RAILWAY STATION
Nagar Shri Surendra Singh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have received any requests to upgrade Chola railway station on Delhi-Howrah rail route and changing its name as 'Chola-Bulandshahr' and providing stoppage of all the Express trains at this station;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The matter raised under Rule 377, was received by the Railways wherein a demand was interalia made regarding upgradation of Chola railway station, changing its name as 'Chola Bulandsahar' and stoppage of all Express trains at Chola railway station.

(c):

(i) Chola is a 'D' category railway station. All minimum essential passenger amenities such as waiting hall, waiting room, drinking water, lavatories, sitting arrangements, foot-over-bridge etc. have already been provided at this station. Besides, platform nos. 1 & 2 at this station have been expanded to accommodate 24 coaches.

(ii) As per the existing guidelines, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, alone is the competent authority to approve change in the name of a railway station on Indian Railways. It does so on the recommendation of the State Government concerned.

(iii) 5 Express trains and 8 pairs of passenger trains are stopping at Chola station which are considered adequate to the present level of traffic offering at the station. Stoppage of additional trains at Chola station is commercially not justified.