GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1031 ANSWERED ON:02.03.2015 NEW TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are considering to start new trains from Shirdi to Kolkata via Manmad-Aurangabad-Akola-Nagpur- Raipur, Vasco-da-Gama and Mumbai via Miraj and Azamgarh to Mumbai (on daily basis) and if so the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to run a new train for Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai from Muzaffarpur via Narkatiagani;
- (c) if so, the time by which these trains are likely to start operation;
- (d) whether the Railways are aware of the long pending requests of people for overnight train between Mangalore and Kanyakumari in view of heavy rush of tourists, pilgrims, fishermen and labour commuting between these two towns and if so, the action taken thereon;
- (e) whether the Railways propose to intro- duce superfast train from Delhi to Aurangabad for the convenience of tourists who visit famous Ajanta Caves in Aurangabad district of Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Railways have received representation from people for extension of trains in Gujarat and if so, the details of action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

- (a) to (c): No, Madam. However, 02 pairs of new train services viz. 11053/11054 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Azamgarh Express (weekly) and 15529/15530 Saharsa-Anand Vihar (T) Jansadharan Express (weekly) via Muzaffarpur, Narkatiaganj, announced in the Railway Budget 2014-15, have been introduced from 13.12.2014 and 06.01.2015 respectively.
- (d): Yes, Madam. At present, 4 pairs of Mail/ Express train services are available between Nagercoil-Mangalore. Further, Nagercoil is just 15 Kms. from Kanniyakumari and is well connected by other train services. However, presently, there is no proposal to run a new overnight train service between Mangalore and Kanniyakumari.
- (e): No, Madam. At present, there is no such proposal.
- (f): Yes, Madam. However, extension of train services on Indian Railways is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification and availability of resources etc. Moreover, Indian Railways do not run or extend trains on State-wise/region-wise basis as Railway network and train operations run across State boundaries.