

Title: Need to restore service of Gondwana Express running between Nagpur and Nizamuddin-Laid.

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR (NAGPUR) : Sir, from the Railway Budget for the year 2001-2002, I find that the Vidarbha region has not been given adequate facilities in respect of Railways. There is no provision for new trains from Nagpur and no fresh projects for this region has been contemplated. Even, the people of Vidarbha region are being denied with the existing train facility provided to them for the sector Nagpur-Nizamuddin.

The Gondwana Express from Nagpur to Nizamuddin which was started in 1995 as a daily train, was subsequently made biweekly.

There is a lot of resentment among all sections of people for the withdrawal of Gondwana Express, the only direct train connecting Nagpur with the country's capital.

Sir, I would urge upon the Minister of Railways to kindly reconsider their decision and to restore Gondwana Express immediately to run between Nagpur-Nizamuddin biweekly, if not daily.