

Regarding heavy railway traffic on Delhi-Howrah and Delhi-Mumbai routes-laid

SUSHRI SUNITA DUGGAL (SIRSA): I want to draw the attention of the Hon?ble Minister of Railways towards the issue of heavy traffic operating on main routes like Delhi-Howrah, Delhi-Mumbai etc. Diversifying alternate routes within the railway network holds immense potential for addressing the persistent issue of heavy traffic on these main routes. While these primary corridors experience congestion due to a high volume of trains, there exist numerous parallel routes that may be slightly longer but are significantly underutilised. Leveraging these secondary routes could not only alleviate the burden on major arteries but also foster regional development through a multiplier effect besides providing good passenger traffic. Many of these routes, categorised as Class-B, C, or D sections, currently have limited train services, resulting in lower passenger traffic. With strategic planning and the introduction of trains connecting these secondary routes to Class-A stations like Delhi, Howrah, and Mumbai, a considerable increase in passenger traffic can be anticipated. Railway authorities should consider implementing new routes, such as a direct train from Mumbai to Amritsar or Jammu via Mathura-Sirsa. Diversifying routes will also enhance the resilience of the railway system by providing alternative pathways during emergencies, maintenance, or unforeseen disruptions on primary corridors besides minimising the impact of disruptions on passenger, freight services.

