

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2581
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2003
RUNNING OF DELHI-HOWRAH RAJDHANI EXPRESS VIA PATNA
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Delhi-Howrah Rajdhani has been diverted to run through Patna;
- (b) if so, whether it is more time consuming and the passengers are required to pay more due to this change in route;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government are considering to review the issue; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c): The frequency of 2301/2302 Howrah-Delhi Rajdhani Express via Gaya has been increased from 5 days to 6 days a week and 2305/2306 Howrah-New Delhi Rajdhani Express via Patna has been decreased from bi-weekly to weekly with effect from 19.05.2003. As the distance covered by Howrah Rajdhani via Patna is more than that of Howrah Rajdhani via Gaya, it (2305/2306) takes more time compared to 2301/2302 Howrah-New Delhi Rajdhani Express. The fare is also comparably higher due to longer distance via Patna.

(d): There is no such proposal, at present.

(e): Does not arise.