

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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STOPPAGE OF RANCHI RAJDHANI EXPRESS AT JALDA RAILWAY STATION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that there is no stoppage of any Rajdhani Express at Jalda railway station in the District of Purulia, West Bengal;
- (b) if so, whether the Railways are considering to give stoppage of Ranchi Rajdhani Express at Jalda railway station;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Rajdhani Express trains are high speed long distance trains primarily meant to serve the passengers of end to end stations and major stations. Stoppage of Rajdhani Express train is provided after taking into account the need for preserving the distinctive and exclusive character of Rajdhani Express trains, the quantum as well as the pattern of traffic obtaining at the station, availability of suitable alternative services catering to the traffic demand of the station and other operational & commercial considerations. Jhalda station, having very low traffic figures towards Delhi, does not qualify the above parameters for stoppage of Rajdhani train, at present