

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:412  
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PULGAON ARVI TRAIN SERVICE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a decision has been taken to discontinue the Pulgaon-Arvi (Shakuntala) train service running since British times;
- (b) if so, the reasons for discontinuing the said train;
- (c) whether the Railways have received representations from the State Government and other organizations in this regard to re-introduce the Pulgaon-Arvi train in view of its importance for the local people; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Railways thereto ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) No,Sir.However, 643/644 Pulgaon-Arvi Passenger is temporarily cancelled from 30.7.2008 as a safety measure due to track being unsafe.

(c) & (d) No representation has been received from State Government.However,a representation from Shri Baba Abdul Jamil, State Secretary, Maharashtra Pradesh Samajwadi Party has been received in this regard.Restoration of 643/644 Pulgaon-Arvi Passenger has not been found feasible at present.