

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INTRODUCTION OF TRAINS AND STOPPAGE OF TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new trains introduced from western region to various parts of the country in the last two Railway Budgets particularly in reference to Surat;
- (b) whether these new trains are being operated presently;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Railways would consider stoppage of the north bound and south bound trains at various Sub-divisional Headquarters like Godhara, Surat and Bharuch in Gujarat; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c) The trains are not introduced region-wise, hence no region-wise data of trains is maintained. However, nine pairs of trains, serving Surat were announced during the Railway Budget 2008-2009 and 2009-2010. Trains announced in the Railway Budget are introduced during the course of the financial year. Except, 2997/2998 Hapa-Tirunelveli Express (bi-weekly) which will be introduced shortly and 2489/2490 Dadar-Bikaner Express (bi-weekly) will be introduced after commissioning of Samdari- Bhildi line into broad gauge, all the announced trains have been introduced.

(d) and (e) Stoppages are considered keeping in view operational constraints and commercial feasibility. Experimental stoppage of 2993/2994 (new No. 2215/2216) Bandra (T)-Jaipur-Delhi Sarai Rohilla Garib Rath Express (tri-weekly) and 1453/1454 Nagpur-Ahmedabad Prerna Express (weekly) at Bharuch station has been provided from 15-07-2009 and same have been extended upto 30-06-2010. Further, experimental stoppage of 2995/2996 Ajmer/Udaipur-Bandra (T) Express (tri-weekly) at Bharuch has been provided from 03-02-2010.