

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2513
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DURANTO TRAIN FROM BALLIA TO DELHI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the average number of passengers travelling from Ballia and Ghazipur stations daily;
- (b) whether for want of sufficient trains berths at Ballia and Ghazipur most of the passengers of Ballia and Ghazipur board at Varanasi/Buxar stations;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to introduce Duranto trains from Ballia to Delhi via Varanasi;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a): The daily average number of passengers travelling from Ballia and Ghazipur stations is about 7048 and 2666 respectively.
- (b): No such phenomenon has been observed. Moreover, computerized Passenger Reservation System (PRS) facility is available at Ballia and Ghazipur from where the passengers of these locations can book berths in any train on first come first served basis.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e): Duronto Trains are non-stop point to point services between select cities throughout the country which are introduced depending upon the pattern of traffic demand, operational feasibility and resource availability.