

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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FREQUENCY OF TRAINS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of representations received from Gujarat to increase the frequency of various trains running to/from Gujarat;
- (b) the action taken thereon by the Railways;
- (c) the details of trains available for the passengers of various places of pilgrimage like Dakor, Palitana, Somnath, Ambaji and Junagarh;
- (d) whether the Railways propose to increase the frequency of these trains; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Representations from Hon'ble Members of Parliament/Ministers/ organizations/associations/ different levels of state government, including that of Gujarat etc. are received at various levels of railway administration. These are examined and action as found feasible and justified, is taken.

(c) At present, Dakor, Palitana and Somnath are served by 4 pairs of trains (2 pairs of Passenger & 2 pairs of MEMU trains), 3 pairs of passenger trains and 4 pairs (3 pairs of Express and 1 pair of passenger trains) respectively. Poonam special trains are also run for Dakor from Vadodara and Ahmedabad every month. Pilgrims desiring to visit Ambaji can avail of trains going towards and having stoppage at Abu Road. Junagadh is being served by 6 pairs of Express/Passenger trains and 3 pairs of passenger trains on Broad Gauge and two pairs of Metre Gauge trains.

(d) & (e) Increase in the frequency/introduction of trains serving Dakor, Palitana, Somnath and Junagadh is not feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints. However, a new train i.e. 59297/59298 Porbandar-Veraval Passenger serving Junagadh will be introduced during 2011-2012.