

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:845
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UPGRADING OF CHOLA RAILWAY STATION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether requests from public representatives have been received for upgrading Chola Railway Station on Delhi-Howrah Line and naming it as "Chola-Bulandshahar" and for providing halt of all Express trains at that station;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The matter raised under Rule 377, was received by the Railways wherein a demand was interalia made regarding upgradation of Chola railway station, changing its name as 'Chola Bulandsahar' and stoppage of all Express trains at Chola railway station. A similar Question was raised and answered vide Question No.513 on 11.11.2010 in Lok Sabha.

(c): (i) Chola is a 'D' category railway station. All minimum essential passenger amenities such as waiting hall, waiting room, drinking water, lavatories, sitting arrangements, foot-over-bridge etc. have already been provided at this station. Besides, platform nos. 1 & 2 at this station have been expanded to accommodate 24 coaches.

(ii) As per the existing guidelines, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, alone is the competent authority to approve change in the name of a railway station on Indian Railways. It does so on the recommendation of the State Government concerned.

(iii) 5 Express trains and 8 pairs of passenger trains are stopping at Chola station which are considered adequate for the present level of traffic offering at the station. Stoppage of additional trains at Chola station is commercially not justified.