

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:915

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RESTORATION OF INTER CITY TRAIN SERVICES

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether consequent upon gauge conversion, Inter-city train service from Ballia to Varanasi via Rosera-Mau under North-Eastern Railway has been discontinued;
- (b) if so, whether the Railways have received requests from public representatives for restoring the said train service; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of action taken thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c) Requests, including from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, have been received in this regard. These have been examined but not found feasible for implementation for want of commercial justification and operational feasibility. Besides, at present, Ballia and Varanasi are well connected by 17 pairs of trains.