

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STOPPAGE AT JAJPUR KEONJHAR ROAD
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the underlying criteria prescribed for stoppage of Rajdhani Express;
- (b) whether the said criteria been fulfilled in respect of other stoppages of Rajdhani Express Train in Orissa and West Bengal and not for Jajpur Keonjhar Road Railway Station in Orissa; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, Station-wise?

Answer

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

(a): Underlying criteria for provision of stoppages of trains including Rajdhani Express are mainly traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of alternative services, etc.

(b) & (c): Presently, Jajpur Keonjhar Road Railway station in Orissa is served by one pair of daily and three pairs of non-daily Express trains for Delhi bound passengers. Rajdhani Express trains are long distance fast moving prestigious trains primarily meant for connecting National capital and State capitals with limited halts enroute. Proliferation of more stoppages is not encouraged as it will decelerate the train and delay its arrival at destination. Stoppage of Bhubaneswar-New Delhi Rajdhani Express at Jajpur- Keonjhar Road is not found feasible at present.