

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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INTRODUCTION OF TRAINS BETWEEN KANDLA AND VISHAKHAPATNAM

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

(a) whether there is a long standing request of people of Kutch and Andhra Pradesh to have direct passenger train services to join the major sea-ports viz. Kandla and Vishakhapatnam with each other through rail network.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Presently, the railway line between Kandla and Gandhidham is fit only for running of freight trains. However, representations have been received for introduction of a train between Gandhidham and Puri via Vijayawada/ Vishakhapatnam, which is presently not feasible.