

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:473
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CONVERSION OF HALT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted for upgradation of passenger halt into a flag station in the country;
- (b) whether the Betnoti railway halt situated at Baripada-Rupsa Railway Division under South-Eastern Railways (SER) does not fulfil the said criteria; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a): A halt station is considered for upgradation as flag station if the halt is functional for over 10 years, the average daily outward passenger traffic is 300 or more and passenger earnings is more than Rs.9 lakhs per annum.
- (b): Yes, Madam.
- (c): Betnoti halt station does not fulfil the criteria for upgradation to flag station as the halt has not been functional for more than 10 years and the daily average outward passenger traffic is less than 300.