

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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UNNECESSARY HALTING
Bali Ram Dr.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Railways to check the practice of halting of trains particularly superfast and express trains anywhere outside the station;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to make such arrangement to ensure that passenger trains including superfast trains can be prevented to make such a halt anywhere outside the station;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) The trains do not halt without any station in normal circumstances. The train only stops in case of any disruption/failure of equipment, obstruction/agitation, Alarm Chain Pulling (ACP) etc. in between stations. Continuous efforts are made to improve preventive maintenance of assets to ensure disruption or failure free services by the Railway. In case of agitation/ obstruction by the public, action is taken as per law in coordination with the State Governments. To bring down the incidents of ACP, regular/periodical drive are conducted by Railway Protection Force (RPF) and commercial staff in coordination with Government Railway Police (GRP) and civil administration.