

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STOPPAGE OF TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have received any requests from the public representatives for providing stoppage of all express trains at the Saharanpur/Tapari junction and increasing the number of general class coaches to the train No. 4646/4645 (Shalimar Express);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Railways in this regard;
- (c) whether the Railways have also received any representation to have a stoppage of mail and express trains at Thirusoolam Railway Station on the Chennai suburban railway network; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Representations from Hon'ble Members of Parliament/Ministers/ Organisations/Associations/different levels of state government are received at various levels of railway administration. These are examined and action as found feasible and justified, is taken.

All Mail/Express trains, which are passing through Saharanpur, are presently stopping at Saharanpur. 8 pairs of Mail/Express trains are passing via Tapri by-pass for Dehradun/Haridwar section, out of which 4 pairs of Mail/Express trains are stopping at Tapri Jn. Stoppage of all Mail/Express trains at Saharanpur/Tapri Jn. is neither operationally feasible nor commercially justified at present.

14645/14646 Jammu Tawi-Delhi Shalimar Express is presently running with integrated rake link with 14659/14660 Delhi-Jaisalmer Intercity Express and 14661/14662 Delhi-Barmer Malani Express having 23 coaches in its composition. At present, 6 General Class coaches and two Luggage cum Brake Van coaches having accommodation for general class passenger are attached in 14645/14646 Jammu Tawi-Delhi Shalimar Express which are considered adequate for present level of traffic. Attachment of coaches including general Class coaches is an ongoing process over Indian Railways and is done keeping in view the traffic pattern, operational feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Tirusulam station is lying between Tambaram and Chennai Beach which is a suburban section and is well connected with suburban services. Provision of stoppage for Mail/Express trains at Tirusulam is operationally not feasible at present.