

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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STOPPAGES OF TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have received any proposal to provide stoppages of important trains at Kavali in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh and at Kopergaon railway station in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken thereon; and

(c) the steps taken by the Railways to provide more stoppages at various stations for trains running between Delhi and Chennai along with the steps initiated to reduce the journey time for the said trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Railways has received representations including from Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy, Hon'ble MP for provision of stoppage of certain Mail/Express trains at Kavali station and from Shri Bhausahab R. Wakchaure, Hon'ble MP for provision of stoppage of certain Mail/Express trains at Kopergaon station and stoppage of 11037/11038 Pune-Gorakhpur Express (Weekly) at Kopergaon has been provided w.e.f 05.07.2012 on an experimental basis and the same has been extended upto 30.06.2013. However, stoppage of additional Mail/Express trains at Kavali has not been found feasible at present.

(c) Provision of stoppages on Indian Railways is an ongoing process and depends upon the factors like traffic offering at the station, operational feasibility, commercial viability, availability of alternative services, passing time of the train at the station, pattern of services, population & significance of towns/cities & new developments taking place etc. Speeding up of trains, to reduce the journey time, is a constant endeavour and continuous process on Indian Railways and is dependent on constant optimization of the investments made by Railways in modernization of technology, high powered locos, modern coaches (LHB, air brake, CBC), better tracks etc.