

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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MEENAKSHI EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Meenakshi Express running between Poorna and Akola in Maharashtra has been cancelled due to construction works undertaken by the Railways on the said route;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal to restore the said rail service from Poorna to Akola via Parbhani-Aurangabad-Manmad;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) to (d) No, Madam. Restoration of erstwhile Kacheguda-Ajmer Meenakshi Express is not feasible at present, due to break of gauge on sections enroute between Ratlam and Akola. However, at present, connections between Hyderabad and Ajmer are available in form of 12719/12720 Ajmer- Hyderabad Express (bi-weekly) via Khandwa-Akola-Purna and 17019/17020 Ajmer-Hyderabad Express (weekly) via Khandwa-Manmad-Aurangabad-Parbhani.