

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2150  
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AMRAPALI EXPRESS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways propose to run the Amrapali Express from Jogbani instead of Katihar (Bihar);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to commence any direct train service through Jogbani station and Varanasi covering adjacent areas of Nepal border;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the efforts being made by the Railways for providing pantry car facility in the Seemanchal Express?

**Answer**

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

- (a) to (d) No, Madam. At present, extension of 15707/15708 Katihar-Amritsar Express upto to Jogbani and introduction of new train from Jogbani to Varanasi is not being done due to operational and resource constraints. However, introduction of new trains and extension of existing trains service is an ongoing process over Indian Railways subject to the traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources, etc.
- (e) Instructions have been issued for attachment of pantry car in 12487/12488 Anand Vihar (T)-Jogbani Seemanchal Express.