

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:336
ANSWERED ON:13.02.2014
OPENING OF HALT STATIONS
Chavan Shri Harischandra Deoram

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the norms laid down for opening of halt stations by the Railways;
- (b) whether Railways have received demand from various States/organizations for opening of halt stations including Nardana Station for Howrah, Navjeevan, Tapti Ganga Express trains on Bhusawal-Surat rail line of Maharashtra;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Railways in this regard;
- (d) whether any operational feasibility and commercial viability of the said demands have been conducted by the Railways, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to expedite the opening of halt stations in public interest.

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 336 BY SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.02.2014 REGARDING OPENING OF HALT STATIONS.

(a): A halt station is opened on public demand if found financially viable and feasible from operating and engineering points of view. The opening of halt station may also be considered on passenger amenity grounds.

(b) to (d): Some representations have been received in this regard. The demands have been examined and have not been found feasible from the view points of operational feasibility and commercial viability.

(e): Railway endeavors to execute and complete all necessary works in connection with opening of a halt station, after its sanction, as early as possible subject to availability of funds.