

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TRAIN STOPPAGE HALTS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to provide stoppage of New Delhi-Bhopal Shatabadi Express in Beena and train Numbers 19609/19610 and 22471/22472 at Gurgaon in view of the long pending demand of pilgrimages/passengers visiting religious places on this route;

(b) if so, the time by which a stoppage is to be provided at the said station and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Railways propose to complete the work of platform No. 2 at Delhi Cantt railway station which is pending for the last several years and introduce new passenger train between Rewari and Delhi to mitigate the inconvenience of passengers and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any guidelines formulated for providing new halt for the trains and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for denying a halt at Soti Badi and Sardargadhia on Bhadra-Nohar rail line under Bikaner Division of Rajasthan inspite of adequate land is available for construction of new station?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b) Shatabdi Express trains are fully air-conditioned intercity trains with very fast transit times and very tight schedule with a limited number of stoppages enroute in order to reduce the travel time. Proliferation of stoppages will decelerate the train and delay its arrival at destination. Thus, it is not feasible to provide stoppage of 12001/12002 Habibganj-New Delhi Shatabdi Express at Bina.

Moreover, at present, there is no proposal for provision of stoppage of 19609/19610 Ajmer- Haridwar Express (Tri-weekly) and 22471/22472 Bikaner-Delhi Sarai Rohilla Express (Daily) at Gurgaon due to operational and resource constraints.

(c) Work of platform No. 2 at Delhi Cantt. railway station has been taken up for completion along with non interlocking work by April, 2015.

Presently, 30 pairs of Mail/Express trains including 1 pair of Shatabdi Express and 9 pairs of Passenger trains are available between Rewari and Delhi. However, there is no proposal to introduce new trains between Rewari and Delhi at present.

(d) Yes, Madam. The policy guidelines relating to provision of stoppages of Mail/Express trains, inter-alia, stipulate that the minimum number of tickets to be sold at the station should be 40 or more for sleeper class per day/per train for a distance of 500 kilometers or its equivalent in terms of cost for mixed class of passengers like Air Conditioned, General and distances (multiple of 100 kilometers) towards/from destination/originating stations of the train. Besides, the policy, inter-alia, also provides that no stoppage is to be provided:

(i) in case the train passes the station at odd hours.

(ii) for long distance trains in the suburban section.

(iii) on sections having capacity utilization above 90%.

(e) At present, there is no proposal for provision of stoppage of trains at Hanumangarh (Soti Badi) and Sardargarh due to operational and resource constraints.