

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3058

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FREQUENCY OF TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have received representations from public representatives to increase the frequency of various weekly trains running between Dound- Manmad line of central railways and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of trains available to passengers to visit various pilgrim places like Shirdi, Shani-Shignapur, Awtar Meherbaba and whether the Railways propose to increase the frequency of these trains and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to run train no. 16311/16312 Bikaner Kochuveli daily and three days via Zamdadi Bhildi and if so, the time by which it is likely to be started; and
- (d) whether the Railways propose to provide the stoppage at Phalna Railway Station and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Representations, including from Hon'ble Member of Parliament Sh. Dilipkumar Mansukhlal Gandhi, have been received for increase in frequency of various trains. The matter has been examined and the same has not been found feasible, at present, due to operational and resource constraints.
- (b) At present, 11 pairs of Mail/Express and 01 pair of passenger train services are available for Shirdi. Further, 04 pairs of passenger train services are available at Rahuri for Shani- Shignapur and 22 pairs of Mail/Express and 04 pairs of passenger train services are available at Ahmednagar for Awtar Meherbaba. These are in addition to 15029/15030 Gorakhpur-Pune Express, a Railway Budget 2014-15 announced train to run via Ahmednagar. However, increase in frequency of existing train services is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of resources etc.
- (c) No, Madam. At present, there is no proposal to increase in frequency of 16311/16312 Bikaner-Kochuveli Express from weekly to daily and run it three days via Samdari- Bhildi.
- (d) No, Madam. At present, there is no proposal to provide stoppage of trains at Falna station. However, 03 pairs of Express train services have been introduced/ announced in the Railway Budget 2014-15 via Falna.