

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3132
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RAJDHANI EXPRESS FOR ITANAGAR
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have any plan to start the Rajdhani Express service between Itanagar and New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the time by which this train service is likely to start operation;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to introduce more Express trains between Itanagar and New Delhi; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. At present, there is no proposal to start a Rajdhani Express between Itanagar and New Delhi due to operational and resource constraints including lack of necessary maintenance facilities at Naharlagun (Itanagar). However, a train service serving Itanagar viz. 22411/22412 Naharlagun-New Delhi AC Express (Weekly) announced in Railway Budget 2014-15 has been implemented w.e.f. 20.02.2015.

(c) & (d): At present, there is no proposal to introduce additional train services between Itanagar and New Delhi. However, the introduction of new train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc.