

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5336  
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RUNNING OF MEENAKSHI EXPRESS  
Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the running of the Meenakshi Express between Poorna and Akola Railway station has been discontinued due to ongoing construction work on this route and if so, the details thereof ;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to run the said train between Poorna to Akola via Parbhani-Aurangabad-Manmad;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. Meenakshi Express which used to run between Kacheguda and Ajmer via Purna-Akola-Ratlam has been cancelled owing to gauge conversion works.
- (b) to (d) Restoration of erstwhile Kacheguda-Ajmer Meenakshi Express is not feasible at present, due to break of gauge on section en-route between Indore and Akola. However, at present, connections between Hyderabad and Ajmer are available in the form of 12719/ 12720 Ajmer-Hyderabad Express (bi-weekly) via Khandwa-Akola-Hingoli-Purna and 17019/ 17020 Ajmer-Hyderabad Express (weekly) via Khandwa-Manmad-Aurangabad-Parbhani.