# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN NUMBER OF TRAINS
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### Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria/norms adopted by the Railways to increase the frequency/number of trains on the rail route;

(b) whether the Railways proposes to increase the number of trains to connect different districts of Maharashtra and to connect Gandhinagar (Gujarat) with other parts of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Railways also propose to increase the number of Shatabdi and Rajdhani like trains; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the target fixed for the year 2014-15?

# Answer

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

(a) Introduction of new trains/increase in frequency of existing trains on Indian Railways inter-alia, is subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources.

(b)& (c) Indian Railways do not run trains on state-wise basis, as railway network runs across state boundaries. However, in the Railway Budget 2014-15, presented on 12.02.2014 and 08.07.2014, 37 pairs of new train services have been announced, to cater to the needs of passengers of Maharashtra. Similarly, to cater to the needs of passengers of Gandhinagar (Gujarat) area, 12 pairs of train services have been announced from Ahmedabad.

(d)& (e) Yes, Madam. In the Railway Budget 2014-15, presented on 12.02.2014 and 08.07.2014, to cater to the needs of upper class passengers, a Shatabdi service between New Delhi and Bhatinda has been announced in addition to 11 pairs of premium AC Express trains, 09 pairs of AC Express trains and 02 pairs of Double Decker AC Express. Besides these, 21 pairs of Rajdhani Express and 22 pairs of Shatabdi Express train services are already operating on Indian Railways. Further, in the recent past, 02 pairs of Duronto Express trains have also been converted into AC Express.