

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2300
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2014
WAITING LIST IN TRAINS
Kundariya Shri Mohanbhai Kalyanjibhai

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware of long waiting list of passengers in the trains running across the country including in trains running from Rajkot to Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of trains announced/ introduced during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether Railways conduct any study to assess the feasibility including volume of passenger traffic before considering the introduction of new trains to various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Railways propose to introduce new trains on various routes including from Rajkot to Mumbai to address the long waiting list of passengers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2300 BY SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2014 REGARDING WAITING LIST IN TRAINS.

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Waiting list position of passenger trains varies from day to day, season to season and train to train. The average number of waitlisted passengers after charting per trip across the country including the train trips from Rajkot to Mumbai during the last three years and current year is as follows:

Financial Year	Average number of waitlisted passengers after charting per train trip
2011-12	87
2012-13	90
2013-14	77
2014-15	116

(till June)

Details of New Trains announced and introduced during the last three years i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and current year i.e. 2014-15 is as under:

Year	Announced	Introduced
2011-12	132	132
2012-13	113	108
2013-14	126	115
2014-15	80	6

(interim)
Total 451 361

(c): Traffic surveys though are one of the criterion for introduction of new train, may not at times be warranted as new trains are introduced also taking into consideration the following parameters:

(i) Patronization/ demand for travel on any particular sector.

(ii) Availability of resources- rolling stock including locomotives and coaches.

(iii) Availability of terminal infrastructure such as pit lines, stabling lines and platform lines.

(iv) Availability of manpower for maintenance and safe operation of trains.

(v) Availability of spare line capacity so that the path and schedule for the train can be fixed.

Notwithstanding the above factors, Indian Railways also has a social responsibility to introduce new trains to connect backward and strategically important locations as well as to provide connectivity of important stations/ capital cities to the hinterland. This is an ongoing process.

(d) & (e): At present, there is no proposal to introduce new train from Rajkot to Mumbai. However, 13 pairs of Mail/Express trains are available at Rajkot for Mumbai bound passengers and are adequate for present level of traffic.