

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF SUPER FAST TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria/norms for upgradation of express trains into superfast trains;
- (b) whether Railways provide alternate trains during the process of upgradation of express train to avoid inconvenience to passengers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Any Mail/Express train whose end to end speed is equal to or more than 55 kmph on Broad Gauge and 45 kmph on Metre Gauge is considered as "Superfast train". When a particular Express train is upgraded into Superfast category, it is generally speeded up without changing the existing route, etc. Hence, it does not cause any inconvenience to the passengers. Thus, no alternate train is required to be given during the process of upgradation of express train to Superfast train.