

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5110
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CANCELLATION OF MINAKSHI EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Minakshi Express running between Purna and Akola has been discontinued due to ongoing construction works of Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Railways proposes to re-introduce the said train from Purna to Akola via Parbhani-Aurangabad-Manmad route;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Meenakshi Express which used to run between Kacheguda and Ajmer via Purna-Akola-Ratlam has been cancelled owing to gauge conversion works.

(c) to (e) Restoration of erstwhile Kacheguda-Ajmer Meenakshi Express is not feasible at present, due to break of gauge on section enroute between Fatehabad-Chandrawatiganj 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.