

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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NEW TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether traffic surveys are made prior to the announcement of new trains in Railway budget;
- (b) if not, the criteria laid down by the Railways prior to the announcement of trains;
- (c) whether all the new trains announced during the last three years have been introduced;
- (d) if so, the details thereof particularly Bilaspur-Bikaner and Bilaspur-Jodhpur trains; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor including the survey and feasibility report of the trains announced during the aforesaid period?

Answer

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

- (a): Zonal Railways send proposals for inclusion of new trains in the Railway Budget after assessing traffic demand, operational feasibility etc.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d) & (e): Introduction of 18245/18246 Bilaspur-Bikaner Express (Bi-weekly) and 18243/18244 Bilaspur-Jodhpur Express (Bi-weekly) was announced in Railway Budget 2013-14. However, the train services could not be introduced due to non-receipt of necessary clearance from the Commissioner for Railway Safety (CRS) for running with new type of Linke Holfmann Busch (LHB) coaches.