

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2395

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NEW TRAINS CANCELLATION OF TRAINS

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Railways has started or propose to start a number of new trains under East Central Railway and increase the frequency of existing trains, Train No. 16508 Jodhpur Express and 16534 Yashwantpur-Jodhpur Express on daily basis to solve the problems of the commuters and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any proposal to start a new train from New Delhi to Chennai which may likely to cover the distance within six hours, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount to be spent and the date by which the said trains are likely to be start operations;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Railways has recently cancelled some of trains, if so, 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.2395 BY SHRI SANTOKH SINGH CHAUDHARY, DR. P. VENUGOPAL, SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY AND SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.12.2014 REGARDING NEW TRAINS/ CANCELLATION OF TRAINS

(a) Of the various train services announced in the Railway Budget 2014-15, 7 pairs of trains will originate/terminate in East Central Railway. Further, to cater to the needs of the passengers of Bangalore-Jodhpur/Jaipur sector, two pairs of trains viz. Yesvantpur - Jaipur AC Express (weekly) and Bikaner-Yesvantpur Express (bi-weekly) have also been announced in Railway Budget 2014-15. However, increase in frequency of 16507/16508 Bhagat Ki Kothi-Bangalore Express (bi-weekly) and 16533/16534 Bhagat Ki Kothi-Bangalore Express (weekly) to daily is not feasible, at present, due to operational and resource constraints.

(b) to (d) Government is undertaking a feasibility study for Diamond Quadrilateral Network of High Speed trains comprising of four sides i.e.

(i) Delhi-Mumbai,

(ii) Mumbai-Chennai,

(iii) Chennai-Kolkata,

(iv) Kolkata-Delhi and both diagonals i.e.

(v) Delhi-Chennai and

(vi) Mumbai-Kolkata.

The total length of network will be approx. 10,000 Km. Delhi-Chennai section has been identified for feasibility study in cooperation with Govt. of China.

Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)/High Speed Rail Corporation of India Ltd. (HSRC) has been entrusted the work of conducting the above mentioned feasibility studies.

Decision on implementation of the projects will be taken after feasibility studies. Hence, details are not presently available.

(e) Yes, Madam. Indian Railways have decided to cancel 27 pairs of train services between 31.12.2014 to 15.02.2015 to ensure

smooth operation of trains and safety of passengers during foggy condition.