

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TRAINS FOR TAMIL NADU AND GUJARAT

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to increase the frequency and number of trains for Bhuj and Kutch in Gujarat and State of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof ;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to provide free wi-fi at Bhuj Railway Station and if so the time, by which it is likely to be started; and
- (c) whether the Railways have received any representation for starting of new trains from Kutch and if so, the details of action taken thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam. At present, there is no such proposal.
- (b) Bhuj is an 'A' category station. In the Railway Budget 2014-15, provision of Wi-Fi facility in all A1 & A category stations has been announced. Facility of Wi-Fi at Bhuj station will be provided in the next 18 months. The facility will be free of cost to the passengers for a limited period of time and subsequently it will be charged.
- (c) To cater to the needs of passengers of Gandhidham-Puri sector, 19453/19454 Gandhidham-Puri Express (weekly) has been introduced w.e.f 08-10-2014. However, other representations for starting of new trains from Bhuj have been examined, but not been found feasible for implementation, at present, due to operational and resource constraints.