

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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FREQUENCY OF TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have received representations from public representatives to increase the frequency of various weekly trains running to and fro through Dound- Manmad line of Central Railway and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of trains available to passengers to visit various pilgrims places like Shirdi, Shani- Shingnapur, Awtar Meherbaba in the country; and
- (c) whether the Railways intend to increase the frequency of these trains and, if so, the time by which it is likely to be started?

Answer

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

(a) Representations, from public representatives have been received for increase in frequency of various trains. The same has not been found feasible, at present, due to operational and resource constraints.

(b) & (c) At present, 11 pairs of Mail/Express and 01 pair of passenger train services are available for Shirdi. Further, 04 pairs of passenger train services are available at Rahuri for Shani-Shingnapur and 20 pairs of Mail/Express and 04 pairs of passenger train services are available at Ahmednagar for Awtar Meherbaba. In addition, in the Railway Budget 2014-15, 03 pairs of Express train services have also been announced to run via Manmad, Kopergaon and Ahmednagar. However, increase in frequency of existing train services is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of resources etc.