

Title: Need to provide stoppage of New Delhi-Mumbai Rajdhani Express at Vapi.

SHRI DAHYABHAI VALLABHBHAI PATEL (DAMAN AND DIU): Sir, I am raising this issue to seek judicious favour for the convenience of the travelling public of four parliamentary constituencies of Daman & Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Bulsar (Gujarat) and Dahanu (Maharashtra). New Delhi-Mumbai Central Rajdhani Express (Train No.2951/2952), covers a distance of around 450 kms. between Baroda and Mumbai, virtually, without any stoppage. It should be given a stoppage at Vapi, which has been declared as a Super Station 'A' Grade and it is conveniently located almost halfway between Mumbai Central and Baroda. Further, providing a stoppage at Vapi would be in consonance with the policy of the Government of providing at least one stoppage of Rajdhani Express in each State/Union Territory it passes through. This would benefit the people of four constituencies to a large extent, particularly of both the Union Territories of Daman & Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, since Vapi is nearer to both Daman and Silvassa. Moreover, no railway track is passing through Daman and Silvassa.

Therefore, I earnestly urge upon the Government to provide a stoppage of this Rajdhani Express at Vapi so that the problems being faced by the people on this account are obviated.