

Title: Need to provide direct rail service between Delhi and Hoshiarpur, Punjab.

SHRIMATI SANTOSH CHOUDHARY (PHILLAUR): Sir, it is a matter of great concern that there is no direct train from Delhi to Hoshiarpur or from Hoshiarpur to Delhi. At present, there are arrangements for two bogies from Hoshiarpur to Delhi, which are attached at Jalandhar City with the Jammu Mail which leaves Jalandhar City Railway Station at 2215 hours. These two bogies leave Hoshiarpur at 1800 hours and the passengers have to pass the time in the yard for three hours.

A train leaves Jalandhar City Railway Station at 4.20 bearing Train No.4682 DN for Delhi *via* Saharanpur. This train can be originated from Hoshiarpur and leave Hoshiarpur at 4.20. This train reaches Jalandhar City Railway Station and starts on its back journey at 2315 hours. It can be terminated at Hoshiarpur Railway Station. The persons travelling in this train from Hoshiarpur to Jalandhar City can easily catch the Shatabdi Express, which leaves Jalandhar City Railway Station at 6.10.

Therefore, I urge the Railway Minister, through your honour, to look into the matter sympathetically and do the needful.