

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2063**  
**ANSWERED ON 17.03.2023**

**INTRODUCTION OF LICHCHAVI EXPRESS**

**2063 # SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways would consider to introduce Lichchavi Express via Sitamarhi-Narkatiaganj also;
- (b) whether Lichchavi Express, at present, takes twelve hours to cover a distance of 448 kms from Sitamarhi to Varanasi; and
- (c) whether Railways would consider undertaking a review to ascertain the reasons responsible for a relatively slow speed of said train?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration, at present.
- (b) & (c) Yes, Sir. 14005/14006 Sitamarhi-Anand Vihar (T) Lichchhavi Express covers 448 Km in 12 hours during its journey between Sitamarhi and Varanasi which includes stoppage time of 125 minutes at 24 stations en-route including 55 minutes required for reversal of engine at Muzaffarpur and Bhatni. However, rationalization of Time Table including Speeding up of trains on Indian Railways is an ongoing process which, inter-alia, depends upon availability of path, speed of rolling stock/Loco, type of signaling system, maximum permissible speed of the track on which the train is passing etc.

\*\*\*\*\*