

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2908  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2017**

**CRITERIA FOR STOPPAGE OF TRAINS**

**2908. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the criteria adopted for train stoppages at different stations;**
- (b) whether the Government has given due weightage to the density of population in allowing train stoppages and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Government plans to evolve new formula with regard to train stoppage and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) & (b): The criteria relating to provision of stoppages of Mail/Express trains, inter alia, stipulates to consider the following factors:**

**(1) Total sale of tickets at the station for both UP & DN direction for all the trains already stopping at the station, distance wise, class-wise & cost-wise (2) trains already stopping/availability of alternative services, convenience & occupancy of the existing services (3) effect on line capacity of the section and punctuality of trains (4) population & significance of towns/cities & new developments taking place (5) nature of the train & occupancy of the train for which stoppage is demanded (6) operational constraints etc. (7) pattern of traffic at the station (8) passing time of the train at the station.**

**(c): At present, there is no proposal to evolve new formula/guidelines in regard to provision of stoppage of trains.**

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