

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1575  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017**

**NEW SCHEMES FOR RAILWAYS**

**†1575. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:  
PROF. RICHARD HAY:  
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:**

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

**(a) whether the Railways proposes to increase/decrease the number of trains across the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Gujarat and the reasons therefor;**

**(b) whether the Railways has planned a multi-pronged scheme to give its lumbering trains a mega push across the country;**

**(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;**

**(d) the details of the funds to be allocated for the same and the time by when it is likely to be launched; and**

**(e) the names of the States which are likely to be included by the Government under this scheme?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1575 BY SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA, PROF. RICHARD HAY AND SHRI GEORGE BAKER TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.12.2017 REGARDING NEW SCHEMES FOR RAILWAYS**

**(a) Indian Railways do not run train services on State-wise basis as Railway network and train operations cut across State boundaries. However, at present, there is no proposal of introduction/cancellation of train services serving the stations situated in the State of Gujarat. Moreover, introduction/cancellation of train services is an ongoing process over Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, availability of resources, traffic justification etc.**

**(b) to (d) Yes, Madam. The following steps are being taken by Indian Railways to increase the speeds of the trains:**

**(i) Replacement of conventional Locomotive hauled short distance passenger trains by Main Line Electrical Multiple Unit (MEMU) for better speeds and acceleration on Golden Quadrilateral & its diagonal rail routes comprising Delhi-Mumbai, Delhi-Howrah, Mumbai-Chennai, Howrah-Chennai, Mumbai-Howrah and Delhi-Chennai.**

**(ii) Right powering of freight trains i.e. tractive power to trailing load ratio of freight trains on major freight loading Railways.**

**These initiatives are part of the overall Annual plans of Railways and no separate fund allocation is done for the purpose.**

**(e) Routes and the States which would benefit with the induction of MEMUs are as follows:**

<b>Routes</b>	<b>States involved</b>
<b>New Delhi-Howrah</b>	<b>Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal</b>
<b>New Delhi- Mumbai</b>	<b>Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh</b>
<b>Mumbai-Chennai</b>	<b>Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu</b>
<b>Chennai- Howrah</b>	<b>Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal</b>
<b>Howrah-Mumbai</b>	<b>West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra</b>
<b>New Delhi-Chennai</b>	<b>Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu</b>

**Railway Zones and the States which would benefit with right powering of freight trains are as follows:**

<b>Railway Zones</b>	<b>States involved</b>
<b>South East Central Railway</b>	<b>Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra</b>
<b>South Eastern Railway</b>	<b>West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand</b>
<b>East Coast Railway</b>	<b>Odisha, Andhra Pradesh</b>
<b>Central Railway</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka</b>
<b>South Central Railway</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, Karnataka</b>
<b>Eastern Railway</b>	<b>Jharkhand, West Bengal</b>
<b>East Central Railway</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand</b>
<b>North Central Railway</b>	<b>Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh</b>

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