

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 838  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2017**

**TEJAS EXPRESS**

**838. SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:**

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

**(a) whether the Government has introduced first fully AC semi high speed Tejas express between Mumbai and Goa section recently;**

**(b) if so, whether the Government is aware that presently there is no commercial stoppage of Tejas express at Chiplun station in Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra and public of the area is demanding the commercial stoppage at Chiplun;**

**(c) if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) whether the Government has received representation from MPs and public for provision of commercial stoppage of Tejas express at Chiplun; and**

**(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The first Tejas Express viz. 22119/22120 Mumbai CST-Karmali Tejas Express has been introduced w.e.f. 22.05.2017 with commercial stoppages at Dadar, Thane, Panvel, Ratnagiri and Kudal.**

**(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. A representation from an Hon'ble Member of Parliament has been received, *inter-alia*, requesting for provision of stoppage of 22119/22120 Mumbai CST-Karmali Tejas Express at Chiplun. However, the same is not desirable, at present, as Tejas Express trains have been introduced as semi-high speed trains and provision of additional stoppages will decelerate the train and cause inconvenience to the through passengers due to proximity of stoppages. Also, Chiplun is being served by 19 pairs of Mail/Express trains and 2 pairs of Passenger trains which are adequate for current level of traffic.**

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