

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3118
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2018**

FREQUENCY OF TRAIN NO. 12489/12490

†3118. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the frequency of Bikaner-Dadar Superfast Train No. 12489/12490, running twice a week, between Bikaner and Dadar is inadequate vis-a-vis its passenger load;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a demand has also been made in the past to increase its frequency in view of the adequate revenue being collected by the train from the district and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether running the train on daily basis is likely to result in increased revenue along with relief to passengers from long waiting list and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to run this train daily; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) and (b): The demand pattern on Indian Railways is not uniform throughout the year and it varies during the peak and lean seasons. The demand for travel surges especially during the peak season like during summer holidays, festivals, etc. During the current Financial Year 2017-18 (April, 2017 to February, 2018) the overall occupancy of train no. 12489/12490 is more than 100%.

(c) to (f): Demands including from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament have been received for increase in frequency of 12489/12490 Bikaner-Dadar Express from bi-weekly to daily.

While running the train on daily basis will generate higher revenue, this has been examined but not found feasible for implementation at present, due to operational and resource constraints including path constraints on sections enroute and terminal constraints at Dadar.
