

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5347
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2018**

LOW OCCUPANCY IN DURONTO TRAINS

5347. SHRI C.R.PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Duronto Express trains on various routes are currently running with very low occupancy rate;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether there is any plan to increase the number of stoppage of Duronto Express to facilitate the passengers and also to enhance the occupancy rate; and**
- (d) 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. The overall average occupancy of all Duronto trains during the financial year 2017-18 (up to February, 2018) was approximately 93%.

(c) and (d): With a view to improve the occupancy in Duronto Express trains, operational stoppages of these trains have been converted into commercial stoppages. However, at present, there is no proposal to increase the number of stoppages enroute Duronto trains.
