

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5512
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2018**

STARTING OF NEW TRAINS FROM GUJARAT

5512. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Saurashtra Region of Gujarat is having very low/inadequate train services and representations have been made to railways for starting new trains and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Railways has also received representations from various people/organisations/rail users for starting of new trains from Rajkot/Bhavnagar region of Saurashtra;**
- (c) if so, whether the Railways intends to accept the demands of people of Saurashtra in the current year; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d) : No, Madam. At present, 50 pairs of Mail/Express and 36 pairs of passenger trains are serving the stations situated in Saurashtra region of Gujarat. These services are adequately catering to the needs of the passenger of this area.

Representations for introduction of new trains including from Rajkot/Bhavnagar region of Saurashtra have, inter-alia, been received from Hon'ble Members of Parliament. These demands are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time. Accordingly, following long distance services for have been provided

during the last 3 years from the stations located in the Saurashtra region:

- 1. Train No.19579/19580 Bhavnagar-Delhi Sarai Rohilla Express.**
- 2. Train No.19203/19204 Bhavnagar-Bandra Terminus Express.**
- 3. Train No.22935/22936 Palitana-Mumbai Express.**
- 4. Train No.22937/22938 Rajkot-Rewa Express.**
- 5. Train No.19029/19030 Mahuva-Bandra Terminus Express.**
- 6. Train No.22993/22994 Mahuva-Bandra Terminus Express.**
- 7. Train No.22991/22992 Veraval-Bandra Terminus Express.**
- 8. Train No. 22939/22940 Hapa-Bilaspur Express.**
- 9. Train No. 79449/79450 Morbi-Maliya Miyana DEMU.**

Besides, introduction of trains is on-going process on Indian Railways. However, owing to terminal/maintenance constraints at Okha, Porbander, Veraval, Rajkot etc. introduction of new trains from Saurashtra region of Gujarat is operationally not feasible, at present.
