

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2396
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2018**

PALAMU EXPRESS

†2396. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total time taken by Train No. 13347/13348 Palamu Express from Patna to Barkakana as well as during its return journey;**
- (b) the reasons for the said train taking around two hour extra time in completing to and fro journey;**
- (c) whether there is possibility to reduce the time taken by Palamu Express from Barkakana to Patna; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b) The journey time of 13347 Barkakana-Patna Palamau Express and 13348 Patna-Barkakana Palamau Express is 14.00 hrs & 12.15 hrs respectively. The extra running time in the former is owing to operational reasons which includes precedence given to Rajdhani Express trains over this service.

(c) & (d) At present, reduction in journey time of 13347/13348 Barkakana-Patna Palamau Express is not feasible. However, reduction of time/speeding up of trains is an ongoing process over Indian Railways and is done keeping in view the operational feasibility and availability of resources, availability of path, platform availability at the stations where the train has stoppage, infringement of corridor maintenance blocks, speed of rolling stock/Loco, type of signaling system, maximum permissible speed of the section on which the train is passing etc.
