

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3557
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2018**

NEW RANCHI-SURAT TRAIN

†3557. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new Ranchi-Surat train in view of overcrowding or proposes to run train Nos. 13425/13426 on daily basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government, keeping in view the problems faced by the passengers, has collected the data regarding the number of passengers travelling in the above weekly trains; 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) to (d): The occupancy of train 13425/13426 Malda Town-Surat Express (via Ranchi) during the Financial year 2017-18 and 2018-19 (up to June) was more than 100%. The number of passengers who travelled between Surat and Ranchi by these trains during the Financial year 2017-18 and 2018-19 were 22,439 and 6,652 respectively. However, introduction of a new train between Ranchi and Surat is not feasible, at present, due to operational and resource constraints.
