

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3547
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019**

EXTENSION OF TRAIN ON DELHI-SAHARANPUR ROUTE

† 3547 SHRIMATI TABASSUM BEGUM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures being taken by the Government for extending passenger facilities on Delhi-Saharanpur route *via* Shamli and Delhi-Saharanpur *via* Meerut;**
- (b) the total distance of both the rail routes which have been included for doubling during the current financial year; and**
- (c) the number of stations likely to be selected as model railway stations amongst the railway stations like Alam Kandhla, Shamli Naraula, Thana Bhawan, etc. falling on Delhi-Saharanpur rail route?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

- (a) At present, 11 pairs of Mail/Express and 06 pairs of Passenger services are available between Delhi and Saharanpur via Meerut. Similarly, 01 pair of Mail/Express and 05 pairs of Passenger services are available between Delhi and Saharanpur via Shamli. These services are considered adequate to cater to the passengers of Delhi-Saharanpur route.**

Owing to operational constraints including terminal constraints in Delhi area, at present, there is no proposal for introduction of new service between Delhi and Saharanpur.

(b) Doubling on Delhi-Saharanpur route has been proposed/taken up through following projects:-

(i) Delhi Sahadara-Shamli-Tapri including Saharanpur Bypass project 155 km was included in Budget 2016-17 subject to requisite approvals/clearances.

(ii) In Meerut-Muzaffarnagar Doubling project (55.47 km); Meerut – Khatauli (33 km) section has been Commissioned and works has been taken up on Khatauli-Muzaffarnagar (22 km) section.

(iii) In Muzaffarnagar-Tapri, (52 km) doubling project works has been taken up.

(c) The “Model Station” scheme was in vogue between June, 1999 and November, 2008. At present, stations are undertaken for development under “Adarsh Station Scheme” and 1253 stations have been identified for development under this scheme. Selection of Railway stations under Adarsh Station Scheme is based on the identified need for upgradation of amenities at the station. This is a continuous and on-going process. Stations are considered for inclusion under this scheme whenever there is any proposal for further selection of more stations under this scheme based on the relative importance of the station and justification based on passengers handled at the station.
