

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2495
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022
NEW TRAIN SERVICES**

2495. SHRI RAMESHBHAI LAVJIBHAI DHADUK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the introduction of daily new train service between Somnath-Haridwar-Somnath, Porbandar to Surat via Jetalsar Junction and new train service from Porbandar to Rajkot via Jetalsar junction and is under the serious consideration of the Government in Bhavnagar Railway division;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether these proposals have been pending with the Railways since many years; and**
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Presently, 05 pairs of Mail/Express are catering to the needs of passengers of Porbandar-Surat sector while 08 pairs of Mail/Express are catering to the needs of passengers of Porbandar-Rajkot sector. 12949/50 Porbandar-Santragachi Kaviguru Express connects Porbandar to both Rajkot and Surat via Jetalsar. Passengers of Somnath desirous of travelling to Haridwar may do so with change over at Rajkot, which is connected to Haridwar by 19565/66 Okha-Dehradun Uttranchal Express (weekly). At present, there is no immediate proposal to introduce train services between Somnath and Haridwar and those between Porbandar and Rajkot/Surat. However, introduction of new train services depends on operational feasibility, resource availability, traffic justification, competing demands etc., which is an on-going process.
