

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5307  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023**

**STOPPAGE OF BI-WEEKLY TRAIN AT KARNAL**

**† 5307. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the bi-weekly Kalka - Shirdi train passing via Karnal should stop at Karnal railway station as Karnal is the important district of GT Road belt which is inhabited by a large population and having a number of Shri Sai Baba devotees, if so, the facts thereof;**

**(b) whether the stoppage of the said train at Karnal station will prove to be a boon for the lakhs of Sai Baba devotees who have to face great difficulties while boarding and deboarding from the train at Ambala and New Delhi stations while going to visit Sai Baba Temple situated in Shirdi which is a very old and important temple of the city; and**

**(c) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (c) 22455/46 Kalka-Sainagar Shirdi Express, which is being operated with very limited stoppages enroute, is already having scheduled stoppage at Ambala Cantt. & Panipat. Proliferation of stoppages enroute the said train, including that at Karnal, is operationally not expedient, at present. However, provision of stoppages depends on operational feasibility and commercial justification, which is an ongoing process on Indian Railways.**

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