

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3767
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2019**

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF PASSENGERS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has collected data of daily passengers travelling between Bhavnagar and Surat;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce an intercity express train between Bhavnagar and Surat in view of increasing rush of passengers there;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether the Government has received representations from any public representatives or any social organisations in this regard; and**
- (f) if so, the details of the action taken thereon?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a) and (b): During the Financial Year 2018-19, on an average approximately 2703 passengers travelled daily between Bhavnagar and Surat.

(c) to (f): Presently, 04 pairs of trains cater to the traffic between Bhavnagar and Surat. Requests, including that from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, have been received for introduction of a train between Bhavnagar and Surat. These have been examined, but owing to operational and resource constraints, introduction of additional train between Bhavnagar & Surat, has not been found feasible, at present. However, introduction of trains is an on-going process on Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, resource availability, competing demands, etc.
