

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.535
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2021**

IMPLEMENTATION OF ZERO BASED TIME TABLE

**535. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:
SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that prior to implementation of zero based time table, Ahmedabad-Chennai Navjeevan Express was parked for 13 hours in the yards at Ahmedabad;**
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;**
- (c) whether any public representatives have submitted representations highlighting the possibilities of easy turaround extension of operations of Ahmedabad Chennai Navjeevan Express from Ahmedabad to Rajkot;**
- (d) if so, the details of action taken thereon; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and time likely to be taken in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) Representations including that from Hon'ble Member of Parliament for extension of 12655/12656 Ahmedabad-Chennai Navjeevan Express upto Rajkot have been received. These requests are examined but not found feasible due to operational constraints including inadequate lie-over at Ahmedabad, as secondary maintenance of rakes is being undertaken at Ahmedabad, which takes about 6 hours. Rajkot is 240 kms from Ahmedabad. Ahmedabad-Rajkot sector is being served by 34 pairs trains. However, extension of train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility and commercial justification.