

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.88
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2022**

ZERO BASED TIME TABLE

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

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that prior to implementation of Zero based Time Table, Ahmedabad-Chennai Navjeevan Express parked idle for 13 hrs in the yards used to be at Ahmedabad;**
- (b) if so, whether any Public Representatives have submitted representation highlighting the possibilities of easy turnaround extension of operations of Ahmedabad-Chennai Navjeevan Express from Ahmedabad to Rajkot;**
- (c) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time likely to be taken thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Representations, including that from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, for extension of 12655/12656 Ahmedabad-Chennai Navjeevan Express upto Rajkot have been received. These requests have been examined but not found feasible due to operational constraints including inadequate lie-over at Ahmedabad. The existing lie-over period of the train is 03 hrs 35 minutes which is insufficient for extension of the train upto Rajkot. However, Ahmedabad-Rajkot sector is, presently being well served by 34 pairs trains. Besides, extension of train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility and commercial justification.
