

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1739
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2025**

**HALTS AND RESERVATION QUOTA IN MAIL, EXPRESS AND
SUPERFAST TRAINS**

1739. SHRI ANUP SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria for allowing a halt at any station for Mail, Express and Superfast trains;**
- (b) the criteria for allotting reservation quota to a station in Mail, Express and Superfast trains;**
- (c) the consideration of the passenger footfall of a particular station if any, in determining the halt of Mail, Express, and Superfast trains; and**
- (d) the details of the competent authority and the procedure to modify, add or cancel halts and reservation quotas in existing Mail, Express and Superfast trains ?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) On Indian Railways, provision of stoppage of train services is dependent on factors which includes traffic justification, operational feasibility, importance of the station, availability of alternative services, etc. Ministry of Railways/Railway Board is the Competent Authority with respect to provision of stoppages.

Distribution of reservation quota is done by Zonal Railways on the basis of demand pattern and availability of accommodation. Reservation quota so earmarked are reviewed on a periodical basis and adjustments made, wherever required based on utilization. This is a continuous process.
