

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2983  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2025**

**STOPPAGE OF VANDE BHARAT TRAIN 26462/26461 AT BARNALA IN PUNJAB**

**2983. SHRI GURMEET SINGH MEET HAYER:**

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

- (a) the details of the criteria adopted by Railways for determining stoppages of premium trains such as Vande Bharat including factors like projected ridership, infrastructure capacity and timetable constraints;**
- (b) whether Barnala station was evaluated for a halt on Vande Bharat 26462/26461 (Firozpur Cantt.–New Delhi) and if so, the reasons for excluding the said station;**
- (c) whether consultations were held with local MPs, MLAs, district authorities or other stakeholders before finalising the stoppages and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has received any formal request seeking a Barnala halt and if so, the details thereof including the replies given by the Railways;**
- (e) whether any infrastructural limitations at Barnala have influenced the decision and whether upgrades are proposed and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the details of the procedure and expected timeline for approving the additional halt on this train in view of public demand?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (f) Barnala is presently being served by 12 pairs of trains( listed below) which includes 1 pair of train services connecting it to Firozpur and 4 pairs of trains connecting it to Delhi area.**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Train no. &amp; Name</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>14887/14888 Rishikesh-Barmer Express</b>

<b>2</b>	<b>14625/14626 Haridwar-Firozpur Cantt Express</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>12455/12456 Delhi Sarai Rohilla-Bikaner Express</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>14507/14508 Delhi-Fazilka Express</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>14509/14510 Dhuri-Bhatinda Express</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>14525/14526 Ambala Cantt-Sri Ganganagar Express</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>14815/14816 Sri Ganganagar- Rishikesh Express</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>14735/14736 Sri Ganganagar- Ambala Cantt Express</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>12485/12486 Hazur Sahib Nanded-Shri Ganganagar Express</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>12439/12440 Hazur Sahib Nanded-Shri Ganganagar Express</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>54765/54766 Dhuri-bhatinda Passenger</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>54551/54552 Ambala Cantt-Bhatinda Passenger</b>

**Representations/requests, both formal and informal, inter alia for provision of stoppage of train services, are received from State Governments, Ministries of Central Government, Elected Representatives, Consultative Committees etc. by the Railways at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Divisional office etc. As receipt of such representations/requests is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such representations/requests is not maintained. However, these are dealt as per laid down procedure/guidelines and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time, which is an on-going process.**

**Besides, provision of stoppages of train services depends on the traffic justification, operational feasibility including availability of extra time on the section & availability of matching infrastructure such as Platform length etc.**

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