

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2958
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2015**

INCREASING FREQUENCY OF TRAINS RUNNING TO/FROM GUJARAT

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SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has received representations to increase the frequency of various trains running to and from Gujarat;

(b) if so, the full details thereof;

(c) the number of trains which are available to the passengers of various pilgrimage places like Dakor, Palitana, Somnath, Ambaji and Junagarh;

(d) whether the Railways intends to increase the frequency of these trains; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2958 BY SHRI D.S. RATHOD, SHRI C.R. PATIL, SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN, SHRI VINOD LAKHAMASHI CHAVDA, SHRI PARESH RAVAL, SHRI DILIP PATEL, DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI AND SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.12.2015 REGARDING INCREASING FREQUENCY OF TRAINS RUNNING TO/FROM GUJARAT

(a) & (b) Representations, *inter-alia*, for increase in frequency of trains are received at various levels of Railway administration, a compendium of which is not maintained. However, increase in frequency of existing services serving the State of Gujarat is not feasible at present, due to operational and resource constraints.

(c) to (e) At present, Dakor, Palitana, Somnath and Junagadh stations are adequately served by following services:

Name of station	No. of Mail/Express trains	No. of MEMU/ Passenger trains
Dakor	Nil	7 pairs (daily)
Palitana	01 pair of weekly service	4 pairs (daily)
Somnath	4 pairs of services, which include 2 pairs of daily service, 1 pair of service operating on five days of the week and 1 pair of bi-weekly service.	3 pairs (daily)
Junagadh	7 pairs of services, which include 3 pairs of daily, 1 pair of service operating on five days of the week, 1 pair of bi-weekly service and 2 pairs of weekly service.	5 pairs on BG line (daily) and 2 pairs on MG line (daily)

Presently, there is no direct train service to Ambaji, as it is not on the railhead. However, pilgrims desirous of visiting Ambaji can avail trains going towards and having stoppage at Abu Road, which is approximately 20 Kms. from Ambaji.