

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 170
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.02.2016**

STOPPAGE IN TECHNICAL HALT OF DURONTO

170. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently allowed commercial stoppage in technical halts of every Duronto Express;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the commercial stoppage has been allowed only in some technical stoppages of Duronto Express;**
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) whether the Government will review the decision and allow commercial stoppage in all technical halt of Duronto Express and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. Certain operational halts of 23 pairs of Duronto Express trains out of 26 Duronto Express trains running over Indian Railways have been converted into commercial stoppages.

(c) to (e): The policy related to provision of en-route commercial stoppages in Duronto Express trains was reviewed and it has been decided that in certain sub-optimal patronized Duronto Express trains, some operational halts may be converted into commercial halts with a view to improve the patronization of these services.