GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2960
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2016

AUTO EXPRESS

2960. SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S. R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has launched a freight train called Auto Express from Gurgaon to Nidvanda (Bangalore) to ensure faster delivery of cargo recently;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with its aims and objectives and the number of cars likely to be transported through auto express;
(c) the expected speed along with travel duration of the said special train and the revenue likely to be generated from the said move;
(d) whether the Railways proposes to extend such Auto Express trains to all over the country and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for faster and timely delivery of cargo?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d) Yes, Madam. In order to attract the automobile industries to offer their traffic by rail, a time tabled auto express train service has been introduced from 12.07.2016, to ensure faster delivery.

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This service has been introduced between Gurgaon to Nidvanda (near Bangalore). The maximum speed of the train is 100 kmph and the run time between Gurgaon and Nidvanda is 70 hours with an average speed of 35 kmph.

The approximate earning per trip is 36 lacs.

The time tabled service for automobile traffic has also been introduced between Khatuwas (near Jaipur) and Melapakkam (near Chennai).

(e) Besides automobile trains, time tabled trains in container sector called Cargo express have also been introduced between (i) Okhla (Delhi) and Whitefield (Bengaluru); (ii) Okhla (Delhi) and Tondiarpet (Chennai) within running time of 70 hours in both the directions for each of the above circuits.

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