

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1690
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2026**

NEW DELHI-AHMEDABAD RAJDHANI EXPRESS

1690. SHRI PARSHOTTAMBHAI RUPALA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has examined the representation seeking extension of the New Delhi–Ahmedabad Rajdhani Express up to Rajkot and if so, the action taken thereon;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to introduce Vande Bharat Sleeper or any other premium sleeper train service connecting Rajkot with Mumbai and New Delhi and if so, the details including the proposed timeline; and**
- (c) the details of the criteria adopted by the Government for sanctioning new train services, including extension of existing trains for the Saurashtra region and the steps taken to improve premium rail connectivity for Rajkot?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) Train no. 12957/12958 Sabarmati - New Delhi Swarna Jayanti Rajdhani Express which is providing connectivity between the National Capital and the Capital of State of Gujarat, is already having an occupancy of around 120%.

Further, proposals/requests/suggestions/representations, both formal and informal *inter alia* for introduction of new trains/extension of train services are received from Members of Parliament, elected representatives, organizations/rail users etc. at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Divisional Office etc. The receipt of such

proposals/requests/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process. These are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time, which is an on-going process.

At present, Sabarmati/Ahmedabad-Rajkot sector is served by the following 39 pairs of trains, including 02 pairs of Vande Bharat trains and 01 pairs of Duroto trains.

SN	Train No. and Name
1	26901/26902 Sabarmati-Veraval Vande Bharat Express
2	22925/22926 Ahmedabad-Okha Vande Bharat Express
3	12267/12268 Mumbai Central-Hapa Duroto Express
4	11463/11464 Veraval-Jabalpur Express
5	11465/11466 Veraval-Jabalpur Express
6	11087/11088 Veraval-Pune Express
7	12475/12476 Hapa-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express
8	12477/12478 Jamnagar-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express
9	12905/12906 Porbandar-Shalimar Express
10	12949/12950 Porbandar-Santragachi Express
11	15045/15046 Gorakhpur-Okha Express
12	15635/15636 Okha-Guwahati Express
13	16333/16334 Veraval-Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
14	16337/16338 Okha-Ernakulam Express
15	16613/16614 Rajkot-Coimbatore Express
16	16733/16734 Rameswaram-Okha Express
17	19015/19016 Dadar-Porbandar Express
18	19119/19120 Gandhinagar Capital-Veraval Express
19	19217/19218 Bandra(T)-Veraval Express
20	19269/19270 Porbandar-Muzaffarpur Express
21	19319/19320 Veraval-Indore Express
22	19559/19560 Tirupati-Okha Express

23	19567/19568 Tuticorin-Okha Express
24	19575/19576 Okha-Nathdwara Express
25	19577/19578 Tirunelveli-Jamnagar Express
26	20819/20820 Puri-Okha Express
27	20909/20910 Thiruvananthapuram North-Porbandar Express
28	20937/20938 Porbandar-Delhi Sarai Rohilla Express
29	20967/20968 Secunderabad-Porbandar Express
30	22717/22718 Rajkot-Secunderabad Express
31	22905/22906 Okha-Shalimar Express
32	22907/22908 Madgaon-Hapa Express
33	22923/22924 Bandra(T)-Jamnagar Express
34	22937/22938 Rajkot-Rewa Express
35	22939/22940 Okha-Bilaspur Express
36	22945/22946 Mumbai Central-Okha Express
37	22957/22958 Gandhinagar Capital-Veraval Express
38	22959/22960 Vadodara-Jamnagar Express
39	22969/22970 Okha-Banaras Express

Further, at present, Rajkot is directly connected to the Delhi area by 6 pairs of train services. Similarly, Rajkot is connected to the Mumbai area by 15 pairs of train services. The list of trains serving these sectors is as under:

Trains serving Rajkot-Delhi sector:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	12475/12476 Hapa-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express
2	12477/12478 Jamnagar-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express
3	19269/19270 Porbandar-Muzaffarpur Express
4	19565/19566 Okha-Dehradun Express
5	20913/20914 Rajkot-Delhi Sarai Rohilla Express
6	20937/20938 Porbandar-Delhi Sarai Rohilla Express

Trains serving Rajkot-Mumbai sector:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	11087/11088 Veraval-Pune Express
2	12267/12268 Mumbai Central-Hapa Durloto Express
3	16333/16334 Veraval-Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
4	16337/16338 Okha-Ernakulam Express
5	16613/16614 Rajkot-Coimbatore Express
6	19015/19016 Dadar-Porbandar Express
7	19217/19218 Bandra (T)-Veraval Express
8	19567/19568 Tuticorin-Okha Express
9	19577/19578 Tirunelveli-Jamnagar Express
10	20909/20910 Thiruvananthapuram North-Porbandar Express
11	20967/20968 Secunderabad-Porbandar Express
12	22717/22718 Rajkot-Secunderabad Express
13	22907/22908 Madgaon-Hapa Express
14	22923/22924 Bandra (T)-Jamnagar Express
15	22945/22946 Mumbai Central-Okha Express

Besides, introduction/extension of train services on any route/section, which is an on-going process, depends on various factors which include:

- **Capacity of that section**
- **Availability of path**
- **Availability of required rolling stock**
- **Availability of matching infrastructure for rolling stock**
- **Maintenance requirement of railway tracks and other assets**
- **Occupancy and the traffic requirement of the section**
