

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.11
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2018**

GUIDELINES FOR STOPPAGE OF TRAINS

†*11. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry has received complaints from public representatives and people during the last six-seven years regarding providing stoppage of both Rani Chennamma and Haripriya Express going towards Tirupati from Kolhapur (Maharashtra) at Jaysingpur railway station;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the stoppage of both these trains at other stations has been provided as per the guidelines; and**
- (d) if so, the list of those stations as well as the guidelines prescribed by the Railways for provision of stoppage of trains?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COAL, FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 11 BY SHRI RAJU SHETTY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.07.2018 REGARDING GUIDELINES FOR STOPPAGE OF TRAINS

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Representations from the Hon'ble Members of Parliament have been received for provision of stoppage of Rani Chennamma Express and Haripriya Express at Jaysingpur.

(c) & (d) Experimental stoppage of 17415/17416 Tirupati-Shri Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj(T) (Kohlapur) Haripriya Express has been provided at Hatkanangale station w.e.f. 15.11.2008 while that of 16589/16590 Bengaluru-Shri Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj(T) (Kolhapur) Rani Chennamma Express has been provided at Dodbele w.e.f. 17.03.2016. At present, Indian Railways have a policy on stoppage of trains. Some of the important criteria stipulated are as under:-

- (i) Total sale of tickets at the station for both Up and Down directions distance wise, class-wise & cost wise.**
- (ii) Traffic pattern at the station.**
- (iii) Availability of alternative services, convenience and occupancy of existing services.**
- (iv) Nature of train and its occupancy.**
- (v) Passing time of the train concerned at the station where stoppage is under consideration.**
- (vi) Operational constraints viz. effect of stoppage on the line capacity of the section and punctuality of other services**

The policy guidelines which encompasses both the operational and commercial aspects for provision of stoppage of trains *inter alia* stipulate that the minimum number of tickets to be sold at the station so as to recover the cost of stoppage (which ranges from ₹12,716/- to

₹24,506/- depending upon traction, composition and other factors) should be 40 or more tickets per day per train for sleeper class for a distance of 500 kms or its equivalent in terms of cost for mixed class of passengers like AC, General and distance (multiple of 100 kms) toward/from destination/originating stations of the train. The policy also stipulates that no additional stoppage to be provided in sections having capacity utilization above 90%. Additionally, population and significance of the town/city and new developments, thereat, are other factors taken into account while considering provision of new stoppages.
