

THROUGH EXPRESS/MAIL TRAIN FROM  
AHMEDABAD TO BANARAS

822 SHRI I K KALANIA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce a through Express/Mail train from Ahmedabad to Varanasi and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the train is proposed to be routed via Baroda Nagda Bhopal- Jhansi Manikpur Allahabad ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI  
MOHD SHAFI QURESHI) (a) No

(b) Does not arise

ELECTRIFICATION OF AHMEDABAD-VIRAR  
SECTION

823 SHRI I K KALANIA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the programme of electrification of Ahmedabad Virar section is being executed according to schedule

(b) if not, what are the reasons for the delay and

(c) the time by when it is likely to be completed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI  
MOHD SHAFI QURESHI) (a) No

(b) Delay is being caused due to undertaking of unavoidable and unforeseen flood protection works entailing lifting of track

(c) The section is expected to be completed in stages progressively from April, 1973 to July, 1974

ADDITIONAL TRAIN BETWEEN AHMEDABAD AND  
BOMBAY

824 SHRI I K KALANIA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide an additional train between Ahmedabad and

Bombay in view of the increased passenger traffic and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI  
MOHD SHAFI QURESHI) (a) No

(b) Does not arise

DIRECT TRAIN BETWEEN AHMEDABAD AND  
HOWRAH

825 SHRI I K KALANIA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce a special Mail/Express train between Ahmedabad and Calcutta (Howrah) for the convenience of the increased passenger traffic, and

(b) if so, the time by when it is likely to be introduced ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI  
MOHD SHAFI QURESHI) (a) No

(b) Does not arise

RAILWAY LINES WITHIN SUNDARBANS

826 SHRI PRANAB KUMAR  
MUKHERJEE  
SHRI KALYAN ROY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 17 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1972 and state the considerations that prompted Government for the rejection of the proposal of the Government of West Bengal to construct railway lines in the Sundarbans in West Bengal and also to connect it with Katwa town ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI  
MOHD SHAFI QURESHI) Due to paucity of funds and inadequate traffic justification and high cost of the suggested lines in the difficult terrain, it will not be possible to consider these projects in the Sundarbans at present