

- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.

**Train connectivity from Bhopal to Haridwar, Rishikesh and Dehradun**

†1508. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no direct train from Bhopal to Haridwar, Rishikesh and Dehradun and whether Railways is aware of this problem of lakhs of pilgrims going for pilgrimages to Uttarakhand;
- (b) the democratic procedure of conveying this problem to Railways;
- (c) the steps proposed by Railways to solve this problem along with the expected time-frame; and
- (d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (d) At present, 12171/12172 Lokmanya Tilak (Terminus)-Haridwar A.C. Express (biweekly) and 12687/12688 Chennai-Dehradun Express (weekly) are available between Bhopal-Haridwar and 12687/12688 Chennai-Dehradun Express (weekly) is available between Bhopal-Dehradun. Rishikesh is only 24 km. from Haridwar. At present, 6 pairs of trains are available between Haridwar and Rishikesh. Passengers can avail this facility from Haridwar.

Representations from Hon'ble Members of Parliament/Ministers/organizations/associations/ different levels of state government etc. are received at various levels of railway administration. These are examined and action as found feasible and justified, is taken.

**Poor facilities at railway stations**

†1509. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:  
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether contrary to the provision of providing clean drinking water, hygienic food, clean urinals and toilets at railway stations under the Railway Catering Policy, 2011, MPs in the Parliamentary Standing Committee's meeting had drawn the attention of Government towards the unhygienic food, improper arrangement of drinking water at the railway stations along with filthy toilets in trains;
- (b) if so, whether any time-bound programme has been prepared to redress them; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.