

**Meetings of North Eastern Railway with MPs of
Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand**

†299. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether North Eastern Railway organizes meetings with Members of Parliament (MPs) of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand for improvement in Railways;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions given by MPs so far on which positive action has been taken by Railways; and

(c) if no action has been taken on the suggestions given, the rationale of organising such meetings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir. North Eastern Railway regularly organizes meetings with Members of Parliament (MPs) for improvement in Railways. Particulars of last three such meetings organised by North Eastern Railway are as under:

Sl. No	Date of Meeting	Place of Meeting	Concerned Division
1.	19.01.2016	Gorakhpur	Izatnagar, Varanasi, Lucknow
2.	26.06.2015	Gorakhpur	Lucknow and Varanasi
3.	11.02.2015	Izatnagar	Izatnagar

For improvement in Railways, Divisional Committee Meetings with Hon'ble MPs of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were planned in Varanasi, Lucknow and Izatnagar Divisions of North Eastern Railway for 18.01.2017, 24.01.2017 and 30.01.2017 respectively. However, these meetings have been deferred due to imposition of Model Code of Conduct on account of announcement of General Assembly Elections in States of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand on 04.01.2017. After completion of on-going election process, North Eastern Railway will organize meetings with Members of Parliament of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand for improvement in Railways as per prescribed schedule.

(b) and (c) Suggestions given by Hon'ble Members of Parliament (MPs) during meetings are dealt with expeditiously based on the feasibility of the work. The suggestions, which are implementable immediately, are taken up on urgent basis. The other suggestions are considered depending upon need and inter-se-priority of work and operational feasibility, subject to availability of funds.

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