

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to expedite the introduction of the said trains to facilitate passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Madam. During the Railway Budget 2016-17, the then Hon'ble Minister of Railways announced introduction of four new categories of trains services to facilitate passengers:- Antyodaya Express, Humsafar Express, Tejas Express and UDAY Express.

(c) to (e) All the 4 types of services have been operationalized. At present, 11 pairs of Antyodaya Express, 29 pairs of Humsafar Express, 1 pair of Tejas Express and 1 pair of UDAY Express are plying over Indian Railways. Besides, introduction of such type of train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to availability of resources, availability of necessary sanction of Commissioner of Railway Safety, etc.

Robbery in Jammu-Delhi Durgam Express

753. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a shocking incident, robbers struck at dawn, looting train passengers of Delhi-bound Jammu Durgam Express at knife-point near Samaypur Badli in the National Capital Region;

(b) whether the loot occurred along the track running through JJ Colonies known for the acts of vandalism and theft in the running trains; and

(c) whether the gangs place coins on the track between two signal system, to disrupt insulation that causes short circuit, making signal systems go into default mode (red) thereby forcing the train to stop?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The railway track, where the said incident of robbery reported, is surrounded by JJ colonies on both sides.

(c) The Signal System was thoroughly checked and it was found functioning properly. Data logger report showed that one track circuit bobbed from 3:23:59 to 3:24:01 and again from 3:24:25 to 3:34:06. It is suspected that it is a case of outside interference with Track Circuit.