

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1048
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2009

DURANTO TRAINS

1048. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have started non-stop air conditioned trains connecting a few cities;
- (b) if so, the details of such trains known as "Duranto trains" started so far;
- (c) whether all the Duranto trains have been made operational;
- (d) whether Railways contemplate to introduce more such services between important cities especially in Jharkhand; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Railways have started both AC and non AC non-stop Duronto trains connecting important cities.

The following Duronto trains have been introduced so far:

1. Sealdah-New Delhi (AC)
2. Chennai-Nizamuddin
3. Nizamuddin-Pune (AC)
4. Howrah-Mumbai CST(AC)
5. Nagpur-Mumbai CST

(c): Of the 14 pairs of Duronto trains announced, 5 pairs have been introduced, the remaining 9 pairs of trains will be introduced during the year 2009-10.

(d): At present there is no such proposal.

(e): Does not arise.

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