GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2048
ANSWERED ON 12.03.2021

DIRECT TRAIN FROM SAMASTIPUR TO DELHI

2048# SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that a large number of passengers travel daily from Samastipur to Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the train which runs from Darbhanga to Delhi via Samastipur becomes over crowded at Darbhanga railways station itself and it becomes almost impossible for the passengers to board the train at Samastipur; and

(c) if so, whether Government would propose to start a direct train from Samastipur to Delhi, as before?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): No, Sir. At present in most of the long distance Mail/Express trains, only reserved passengers are allowed to board the trains.

(c): Prior to discontinuation of regular passenger services w.e.f. 23.03.2020 to contain the spread the COVID 19 pandemic, Samastipur was connected to Delhi by 14 pairs of Mail/Express trains. In view of the prevailing conditions, at present, only special trains with limited stoppages keeping in view the suggestion and concerns of State Governments are being operated. At present, 09 pairs of train are serving the Samastipur-Delhi sector. The waitlist position is regularly monitored and special trains/clone trains operated wherever required subject to operational feasibility.

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