

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1366**  
**ANSWERED ON 02.08.2024**

**MAKING JOURNEY EASIER DURING 'CHHATH MAHAPARVA'**

1366 # SMT. DHARMSHILA GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the news reports that all the seats in all the trains going to Bihar during the most popular festival of Bihar i.e. 'Chhath' have been booked in just one hour of opening of reservations four months in advance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to conduct any inquiry in view of the possibility of any mismanagement in this regard; and
- (d) the details of special plan being considered by Government to facilitate passengers intending to visit Bihar on the eve of 'Chhath' festival?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1366 BY SMT. DHARMSHILA GUPTA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 02.08.2024 REGARDING MAKING JOURNEY EASIER DURING ‘CHHATH MAHAPARVA’.**

(a) to (d) On Indian Railways, demand of reserved accommodation in trains is not uniform throughout the year and it varies over lean and peak periods and also during different days of the week. During peak rush periods like Holi, Diwali, Chhath & summers etc., the demand for reserved accommodation is high as trains running on high density sectors are well patronised. To cater to this additional demand and in its constant endeavour to provide additional accommodation to travelling passengers, IR operates Special train services during festivals, holidays, etc. and augments the load of trains both on permanent and temporary basis. These are on-going processes on Indian Railways. Details of special trains operated to cater to extra demand during the Holi, Summer vacations and Chhath in the years 2022, 2023 & 2024 are as under:-

<b>Year</b>	<b>Special Trains run to cater to extra demand during</b>		
	<b>Holi</b>	<b>Summer</b>	<b>Chhath</b>
2022	241	4599	2614
2023	527	6369	4480
2024	604	12919	-

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