

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1564  
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**SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICES IN FESTIVAL SEASON**

1564 SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) details of special trains introduced by Railways in the last five years to accommodate increased passenger traffic during festival seasons, the State-wise, year-wise and festival-wise;
- (b) data on the total number of passengers who have travelled on these special trains during this period, the year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) out of the above, the number of special trains operated to and from the State of Tamil Nadu, with year-wise and district-wise passenger data for the State of Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) the details of the funds allocated and utilized by Government for running these special trains, State-wise, festival-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) To facilitate travel of passengers during festivals, holidays, religious congregations etc., Indian Railways (IR) operates Special train services to supplement the accommodation available by regular trains.

However, as the railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains services (including special trains) are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries.

Accordingly, the number of Special trains operated across the Indian Railways network, to facilitate the passengers during Summer/winter vacations, festivals like Holi, Durga Puja, Diwali, Chhath, Christmas, Sabrimala, Id-ul-fitr etc. are as below:

Year	No. of trips
2023-24	40,508
2024-25	85,376
2025-26(upto Nov, 2025)	~ 60,000

The number of passengers travelled on Indian Railways network including Konkan Railway route is as under:

Year	No. of Passengers (in crore)
2022-23	~ 644
2023-24	~ 695
2024-25	~730
2025-26 (upto Nov, 25)	~508

The above includes the passengers travelled by special trains.

On Indian railways funds are not allotted train-wise or festival wise. Total funds allocated for operational and maintenance related expenditure is ₹ 2,26,256 Cr in Budget Estimate 2025-26, covering all zonal railways.