

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 306**  
**ANSWERED ON 20.03.2026**

**STEPS TO INTRODUCE MORE TRAINS FROM BIHAR**

\*306 SHRI SANJAY YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) steps taken by Railways to introduce more Jan Sadharan Express trains from Bihar to cater to annual mass migration of labourers to industrialised hubs such as National Capital Region (NCR), Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Jalandhar, Pune, Chennai, Surat and various States;
- (b) Ministry's plan to expand unreserved Jan Sadharan services for migrant workers to-and-from industrial areas during non-festive periods to ensure cheap, comfortable travel as they endure inhuman conditions on overcrowded general coaches; and
- (c) measures in pipeline to improve safety, security and conditions for returning families and labourers during festive seasons as trains to Bihar are overcrowded during that period?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
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(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.306 BY SHRI SANJAY YADAV ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 20.03.2026 REGARDING STEPS TO INTRODUCE MORE TRAINS FROM BIHAR**

(a) to (c) Indian Railways is focussed on providing affordable, good quality services to all sections of society. To this end, Railways have inter alia developed Amrit Bharat services to cater to the travelling needs of passengers using General and Sleeper Class coaches.

As the railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are operated as per network requirement, across such boundaries. However, during the period April 2023- February, 2026, IR, on originating /terminating basis, have introduced 136 train services including 24 Amrit Bharat services which *inter alia* cater to the needs of passengers of stations located in the State of Bihar.

**Amrit Bharat Services**

Indian Railways have developed a fully non-AC modern train named as Amrit Bharat express. These modern trains comprise of 11 General Class coaches, 8 Sleeper Class coaches, 01 Pantry car and 02 Luggage cum Divyangjan coaches. These trains have following enhanced features and amenities:

- Better aesthetics of seat and berths with enhanced look & feel on the lines of Vande Bharat Sleeper.
- Jerk Free Semi-Automatic Couplers.
- Improved Crashworthiness in coaches by provision of crash tube.
- Provision of CCTV system in all coaches.
- Improved designs of toilets.
- Improved design of Ladder for ease of climbing on to the berth.
- Improved LED Light fitting & Charging Sockets.
- Provision of EP assisted braking system.
- Aerosol based fire suppression system in toilets and electrical cubicles.
- USB Type-A and Type-C mobile charging sockets.
- Emergency Talk Back system for two-way communication between Passenger and Guard/Train Manager.
- Non-AC pantry with enhanced heating capacity.
- Fully sealed gangways with quick release mechanism for easy attachment and detachment

**Amrit Bharat:**

SN	Train No. & Name	Providing connectivity to
1	13697/13698 Gaya-Delhi Amrit Bharat Express	Delhi
2	14048/14047 Delhi-Sitamarhi Amrit Bharat Express	
3	15133/15134 Chhapra-Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express	
4	15557/15558 Darbhanga -Anand Vihar(T) Amrit Bharat Express	
5	15567/15568 Bapudham Motihari-Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express	
6	22361/22362 Rajendra Nagar-New Delhi Amrit Bharat Express	
7	11015/11016 Lokmanya Tilak(T)-Saharsa Amrit Bharat Express	Mumbai
8	14628/14627 Chheharta-Saharsa Amrit Bharat Express	Amritsar
9	15293/15294 Muzaffarpur-Charlapalli Amrit Bharat Express	Hyderabad
10	15561/15562 Darbhanga-Gomti Nagar Amrit Bharat Express	Lucknow
11	16601/16602 Erode-Jogbani Amrit Bharat Express	Chennai / Coimbatore
12	19623/19624 Madar-Darbhanga Amrit Bharat Express	Ajmer, Lucknow

Additionally, the list of new 112 new train services including 22 Vande Bharat Express, 02 Namo Bharat Rapid Rail & 88 Express/Passenger train services catering to the needs of stations located in the State of Bihar(on originating/Terminating basis) is as under:-

**Vande Bharat [Chair Car]:**

SN	Train No. & Name
1	20893/20894 Tatanagar-Patna Vande Bharat Express
2	21893/21894 Tatanagar-Patna Vande Bharat Express
3	21895/21896 Tatanagar-Patna Vande Bharat Express
4	22233/22234 New Jalpaiguri-Patna Vande Bharat Express
5	22303/22304 Howrah-Gaya Vande Bharat Express
6	22309/22310 Howrah-Bhagalpur Vande Bharat Express
7	22345/22346 Patna-Gomti nagar Vande Bharat Express
8	22347/22348 Howrah-Patna Vande Bharat Express
9	22349/22350 Patna-Ranchi Vande Bharat Express
10	26301/26302 Jogbani-Danapur Vande Bharat Express

11	26501/26502 Gorakhpur-Patliputra Vande Bharat Express
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**Namo Bharat Rapid Rail:**

SN	Train No. & Name
1	94803/94804 Jaynagar-Patna Namo Bharat Rapid Rail

**Mail/Express and Passengers:**

SN	Train No. & Name
1	13212/13211 Danapur-Jogbani Express
2	13213/13214 Jogbani-Saharsa Express
3	13251/13252 Patna-Anand Vihar(T) Express
4	13334/13333 Patna-Dumka Express
5	15135/15136 Chhapra-Amritsar Express
6	15501/15502 Raxaul-Jogbani Express
7	15505/15506 Saharsa-Patliputra Express
8	15507/15508 Darbhanga-Patliputra Express
9	15555/15556 Bapudham Motihari-Patliputra MEMU
10	15589/15590 Muzaffarpur-Hadapsar Express
11	15701/15702 Katihar-Siliguri Express
12	15723/15724 Jogbani-Siliguri Express
13	18119/18120 Tatanagar-Jaynagar Express
14	19801/19802 Sogaria Cabin-Danapur Express
15	22357/22358 Gaya-Lokmanya Tilak(T) Express
16	53201/53202 Patna-Buxar Passenger
17	53203/53204 Jhajha-Danapur Passenger
18	53237/53238 Gaya-Patna Passenger
19	53239/53240 Gaya-Patna Passenger
20	53241/53242 Gawnaha-Narkatiaganj Passenger
21	55121/55122 Siwan-Samastipur Passenger
22	55501/55502 Jhanjharpur-Laukaha bazar Passenger
23	55503/55504 Jhanjharpur-Laukaha bazar Passenger
24	55583/55584 Raxaul-Narkatiaganj Passenger
25	63273/63274 Rajgir-Patna MEMU
26	63275/63276 Kiul-Patna MEMU

27	63329/63330 Gaya-Patliputra MEMU
28	63331/63332 Kiul-Mokama MEMU
29	63333/63334 Patliputra-Ballia MEMU
30	63357/63358 Fatuha-Hilsa MEMU
31	63359/63360 Saharsa-Dauram Madhepura MEMU
32	63361/63362 Narkatiaganj-Gawnaha MEMU
33	63375/63376 Saharsa-Supaul MEMU
34	63383/63384 Vaishali-Koderma MEMU
35	63389/63390 Nawada-Patna DEMU
36	63391/63392 Islampur-Patna DEMU
37	63411/63412 Sahibganj-Bhagalpur MEMU
38	75213/75214 Raxaul -Mehsi MEMU
39	75215/75216 Raxaul-Jaynagar Passenger
40	75221/75222 Sonpur-Vaishali DEMU
41	75223/75224 Bihariganj-Purnea Court DEMU
42	75225/75226 Saharsa-Purnea Court DEMU
43	75249/75250 Saharsa-Amha Pipra DEMU
44	75251/75252 Saharsa-Samastipur DEMU

Moreover, 28 trains (12 Jan Sadharan, 02 Jan Sewa Express, 02 Jan Nayak Express and 12 Antyodaya Express which are fully unreserved trains), on terminating/originating basis, are serving stations located in the state of Bihar which are listed below:-

SN	Train No. & Name
1	13257 Danapur – Anand Vihar (T) Jansadharan Express
2	13258 Anand Vihar (T) – Danapur Jansadharan Express
3	14603 Narpatganj-Amritsar Jansadharan Express
4	14604 Amritsar-Narpatganj Jansadharan Express
5	15269 Muzaffarpur – Sabarmati Jansadharan Express
6	15270 Sabarmati – Muzaffarpur Jansadharan Express
7	15271 Howrah – Muzaffarpur Jansadharan Express
8	15272 Muzaffarpur – Howrah Jansadharan Express
9	15529 Saharsa – Anand Vihar (T) Jansadharan Express
10	15530 Anand Vihar (T) – Saharsa Jansadharan Express

11	15531 Saharsa – Amritsar Jansadharan Express
12	15532 Amritsar – Saharsa Jansadharan Express
13	14617 Purnea Court – Amritsar Jansewa Express
14	14618 Amritsar – Purnea Court Jansewa Express
15	15211 Darbhanga – Amritsar Jannayak Express
16	15212 Amritsar – Darbhanga Jannayak Express

### **Antyodaya Express:**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Train No. &amp; Name</b>
1	15560 Ahmedabad – Darbhanga Antyodaya Express
2	15559 Darbhanga – Ahmedabad Antyodaya Express
3	15551 Darbhanga – Varanasi City Antyodaya Express
4	15552 Varanasi City – Darbhanga Antyodaya Express
5	15267 Raxaul – Lokmanya Tilak (T) Antyodaya Express
6	15268 Lokmanya Tilak (T) – Raxaul Antyodaya Express
7	22563 Jaynagar – Udhna Antyodaya Superfast Express
8	22564 Udhna – Jaynagar Antyodaya Superfast Express
9	22551 Darbhanga – Jalandhar City Antyodaya Express
10	22552 Jalandhar City – Darbhanga Antyodaya Express
11	22553 Raxaul – Lokmanya Tilak (T) Antyodaya Express
12	22554 Lokmanya Tilak (T) – Raxaul Antyodaya Express

Besides, introduction of new trains including Jan Sadharan train services on any route/section, which is an on-going process, depends on various factors which include:

- Capacity of that section
- Availability of path
- Availability of required rolling stock
- Availability of matching infrastructure for rolling stock
- Maintenance requirement of railway tracks and other assets

### **OVERCROWDING**

- To provide greater accommodation for the passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper Coaches, the extant policy regarding composition of Mail/Express trains provides for 12

(Twelve) General class & Sleeper class non- AC coaches and 08 (eight) AC-Coaches, in a train of 22 coaches, thereby providing greater accommodation for the passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper Coaches.

- **GENERAL COACHES**

With a view to meet the demand of passengers travelling in unreserved coaches, Railways have significantly increased the facilities for passengers demanding general class travel. During the last financial year 2024-25 alone, 1250 general coaches have been utilised in various long-distance trains. In the current financial year (upto February, 2026), 860 Coaches have been utilised for permanent augmentation.

To cater to the travel demand of the low and middle income families, Indian Railways have taken up manufacturing of 17,000 non-AC coaches (general/sleeper).

On IR, the percentage of non-AC coaches, is about 70% as indicated below:

**Table 1: Distribution of coaches:**

<b>Non-AC coaches (general and sleeper)</b>	~62,000	~70%
<b>AC coaches</b>	~27,000	~30%
<b>Total coaches</b>	<b>~89,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

Due to higher availability of general coaches, the number of passengers traveling in general/unreserved coaches has shown an increasing trend as shown below:

**Table 2: Passengers in general/unreserved coaches:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Passengers</b>
2020-21	99 Cr (Covid year)
2021-22	275 Cr (Covid year)
2022-23	553 Cr
2023-24	609 Cr
2024-25	651 Cr

The number of seats available for non-AC passengers has also increased. The current composition is as follows:

**Table 3: Distribution of seats:**

Non-AC seats	~ 54 lakhs	~ 78%
AC seats	~ 15 lakhs	~ 22%
Total	~ 69 lakhs	100%

- **SPECIAL TRAINS**

IR also operates Special train services during festivals, holidays, etc. to cater to the extra needs of passengers and supplement the accommodation available by regular services.

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	~40,500
2024-25	~85,400
2025-26(upto Feb, 2026)	~74,800

- To handle heavy rush and safety of passengers during festival season, following steps are being taken by railways :

1. Creation of permanent holding areas:

Based on the experience of creating Holding areas at nine stations of Prayag area during Mahakumbh which periodically face heavy crowds, 76 stations have been identified for creation of holding area. Crowd build up at these stations will be controlled within the waiting area. Passengers will be allowed to go to platforms only when the trains arrive at the platform. This will decongest the platforms. The work of holding area of New Delhi Station has been completed.

2. Access control:

- Passengers with confirmed reserved tickets will be given direct access to the platforms.
- Passengers without a ticket or with a waiting list ticket will wait in the outside waiting area.
- All unauthorised entry points will be sealed.

3. Cameras:

CCTV cameras are installed at a number of railway stations and coaches which aid in close monitoring and management of crowd at Railway Station.

4. War rooms:

War rooms are made operational where officers of all departments work together during crowd situations.

5. New generation communication equipment:

Latest design digital communication equipment like walkie-talkies, announcement systems, calling systems are installed on all 76 identified stations.

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