

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1405  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017**

**INCREASE OF SPEED OF TRAINS**

**†1405. SHRI RAM SWAROOP SHARMA:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of trains whose speed has been increased as per new railway time table and the journey time has been reduced as a result thereof;**
- (b) whether speed of some trains has also been reduced and if so, the number thereof and the journey time increased thereby;**
- (c) whether the Railways is charging super charge in respect of such trains also whose average speed is even below 60 kmph; and**
- (d) if so, the number of such trains and the reasons for levying of these charges?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a): Speed of 769 Mail/Express/Passenger trains has been increased as per new Railway Time Table i.e. with effect from 01.11.2017 thereby reducing the journey time between 5 minutes to 485 minutes.**

**(b): Yes, Madam. Speed of 166 Mail/Express/Passenger trains has been reduced thereby increasing the journey time between 5 minutes to 75 minutes.**

**(c): As per policy, the trains whose average speed on the entire run in both UP & DN direction is minimum 55 Kilometre per hour on the Broad Gauge and minimum 45 Kilometre per hour on the Metre Gauge are designated as Superfast trains.**

**(d): Total number of Superfast trains is 1082. Superfast trains have end to end higher speed in comparison to other normal Mail/Express trains and priority in running is given over other Mail/Express and Passenger services. Therefore, nominal premium amount is charged as superfast charge in such superfast trains.**

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