GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1799 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2019

NEW TRAINS

1799. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that five new trains are at the centre of Government's ambitious project to transform Indian Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that all these five new trains introduced were earning revenue more than the railways envisaged; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) and (b) Introduction of four new types of train services viz. Antyodaya Express, Humsafar Express, Tejas Express and UDAY Express was last made in the Railway Budget 2016-17.

All the 4 types of services have been operationalized and presently, 11 pairs of Antyodaya Express, 29 pairs of Humsafar Express, 1 pair of Tejas Express and 1 pair of UDAY Express are plying over Indian Railways. Besides, it has been decided to introduce semi-high speed train viz. Train set-18 between Varanasi and New Delhi.

(c) and (d) Introduction of trains depends upon demand pattern, operational feasibility and other relevant factors. Trains are not introduced with an earnings targets/estimation. Further, passenger earnings of trains primarily depend upon occupancy of trains and fare structure of the trains. However, the occupancy of trains on Indian Railways is not uniform and varies from train to train, sector to sector and during peak & lean seasons/days.
