

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.594  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2019**

**SPECIAL TRAINS FOR KUMBH MELA**

**594. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:**

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

- (a) whether his Ministry has made adequate arrangements for the travel of pilgrims who are expected to visit the Sangam, Prayagraj during Kumbh Mela, 2019 and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the number of special trains being run by the Government for the said purpose;**
- (c) whether the present availability of trains is not sufficient to meet the requirement of a large number of saints and sears, common pilgrims and tourists from across the globe; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) to (d) Yes, Madam. To cater to the expected large influx of pilgrims during the Kumbh Mela 2019 at Prayagraj, Indian Railways have mobilized additional resources to enable operation of special trains including DEMU/MEMU. About 1874 trips of Kumbh Mela special trains have been planned. Augmenting load of existing regular trains and providing temporary stoppages of Mail/Express trains to the extent justified and feasible are also being undertaken. The rush of pilgrims visiting Prayagraj for Kumbh Mela is being monitored rigorously on a daily basis and efforts are being made to meet the requirement.**