

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2464
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023**

SPECIAL TRAINS FOR FESTIVAL SEASONS

2464. DR. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to conduct a detailed traffic study before allotting special trains for festival seasons, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has noticed that the Northern part of Kerala was completely ignored when special trains were allotted in the last festival seasons, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the suffering of passengers due to this discrimination, if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether the Government is planning to increase number of passenger trains by utilising the capacity of track; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2464 BY DR. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2023 REGARDING SPECIAL TRAINS FOR FESTIVAL SEASONS.

(a): With a view to cater to additional demand for passenger booking during peak/rush periods/days, monitoring of waiting list position of trains and also sale of tickets on different sectors is done on regular basis which is a continuous and ongoing exercise.

(b) to (e) : Indian Railways (IR) do not run train services including Special services on State-wise basis as the Railway network straddles across the State boundaries. However, to cater, inter-alia, to the needs of passengers of stations located in the Northern part of Kerala, 127 trips of services have been operated during the period from 13.06.2022 to 08.03.2023.
