

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4624
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023**

OPERATION OF TRAINS BY PRIVATE SECTOR

4624. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Railways is the biggest job provider employing around 1.4 million people, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the privatization of this sector is reducing the number of Government jobs available for people and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the names of trains and the routes on which trains are being operated by private sector till now; and**
- (d) the profits earned by the private sector by running private trains and the profit/losses incurred to Railways on the said routes during the last four years?**

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
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(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4624 BY DR MOHAMMAD JAWED TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.03.2023 REGARDING OPERATION OF TRAINS BY PRIVATE SECTOR

(a) : The total number of employees in Indian Railways as on 01.02.2023 is 11,75,925.

(b) : There is no proposal to privatise the Indian Railways. However, to unleash faster development and completion of track, rolling stock manufacturing and delivery of passenger freight services, Ministry of Railways under various schemes of Public Private Partnership (PPP) attract investment in various areas viz. network expansion, setting up of locomotive factories, induction of railway wagons, station development, building freight terminals, etc. from the stake holders and strategic investors. Further, outsourcing of certain services like station cleaning, pay and use toilets, retiring rooms, parking and asset maintenance etc. is being done on need based manner to improve these services.

(c) : At present, none of the scheduled regular passenger train services over Indian Railways are being operated by private sector.

(d) : Does not arise.
