

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4793

TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023

DIRECT RAIL SERVICE FROM BANKA TO METROPOLITAN CITIES

†4793. SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is excess crowd in the Howrah-Delhi main route or the stations located in the vicinity of Bihar due to less seats in the trains being operated as a result of which the passengers with reserved seats have to face a lot of problems;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government is likely to resolve the said issue by formulating an action plan for the current and future situation and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether Banka district of Bihar is one of the backward districts of the country and a large number of people have to go to metropolitan cities for employment and medical treatment;**
- (d) if so, whether there is lack of direct rail service to any metropolitan city from this place;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof;**
- (f) whether people have to face a lot of difficulties in commuting;**
- (g) if so, whether the Government proposes to operate one train each from Banka to headquarters of Delhi and Mumbai and others to connect Banka with other parts of the country; and**
- (h) if so, the time by which the said trains are likely to be operated and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4793 BY SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.03.2023 REGARDING DIRECT RAIL SERVICE FROM BANKA TO METROPOLITAN CITIES

(a) & (b) Kolkata-Delhi sector is presently being served by 15 pairs of Mail/Express train services, having both reserved as well as unreserved accommodation, serving prominent stations located in Bihar like Patna, Gaya etc. On Indian Railways, demand pattern of passenger booking is not uniform throughout the year and it varies over lean and peak periods. Waiting list position of trains and also sale of tickets on different sectors is monitored on regular basis and to cater to additional demand, load of existing trains are augmented, special trains are run, new trains are introduced, frequency of existing trains is increased etc. subject to operational feasibility, traffic demands, resource availability etc.

(c) During financial year 2022-23 (upto February, 2023), the total number of passengers who travelled from Banka to various cities of India including metropolitan cities is approximately 2.63 lakh.

(d) to (h) Introduction of new train from Banka station is not feasible, at present, due to operational and resource constraints including maintenance constraints. However, Banka station is presently connected to Bhagalpur (53 Km) by 02 pairs of Mail/Express services and 03 pairs of Passenger train services, to Deoghar (61 Km) by 01 pair of Mail/Express train services and 02 pairs of Passenger train services. Bhagalpur and Deoghar/Jasidih are connected to most of the prominent cities in India.