

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5465
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023**

DURONTO TRAIN FROM PATNA TO CHENNAI

†5465. SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether thousands of waitlisted tickets are returned to the Railways every day as no new train has been started from Patna to other States despite approximately twenty percent increase in Bihar's population in the last eight years;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to run Duronto trains from Patna to Chennai, Mumbai and New Delhi; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) 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.**
- (b) and (c) Patna area is well connected to Chennai by 06 pairs of trains, to Mumbai by 12 pairs of trains and to Delhi by 28 pairs of trains. Besides, introduction of new trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of rolling stock etc.**
