

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 993
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023**

INTRODUCTION OF SUPERFAST TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is severe scarcity of superfast trains in backward rural areas of the country including from Thawe/Gopalganj junctions of Bihar despite commercial feasibility and revenue availability;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it is a fact that there is a nexus between private bus operators and railway officials for not introducing super fast trains from Thawe/Gopalganj junctions of Bihar despite commercial feasibility and revenue availability;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to break the nexus and introduce the super fast trains from Thawe/Gopalganj junctions; and**
- (f) if so, the details in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (f) At present, Thawe is being served by 03 pairs of Mail/Express and 09 pairs of Passenger Specials services, while Gopalganj is being served by 02 pairs of Mail/Express and 02 pairs of Passenger Specials services, providing connectivity to the passengers of Thawe/Gopalganj *inter alia* for destinations like Siwan, Patliputra, Gorakhpur, Lucknow etc. Further, passengers of Thawe/Gopalganj may also avail changeover at Siwan (28 kilometre from Thawe), which is well connected to major stations of the country. Besides, Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, competing demands, etc., constantly endeavours to provide connectivity between stations. Factors, including lack/ non-availability of infrastructural facilities at originating/terminating stations, as in the case of Thawe/Gopalganj, precludes introduction of long distance trains therefrom. There is no nexus of Railways' officials with private bus operators.
