

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.598  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023**

**LAUNCHING OF MISSION RAFTAAR**

**† 598. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL :  
SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA :**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has launched Mission Raftaar across the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including Uttar Pradesh;**
- (c) the salient features of Mission Raftaar;**
- (d) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under the said Mission including Rajasthan;**
- (e) the details of the trains identified to be included under the said Mission;**
- (f) the details of the targets set and the achievements made so far under the said Mission;**
- (g) whether the said Mission has resulted in a significant improvement in the speed of train across the country; and**
- (h) if so, the details thereof?**

**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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 598 BY SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL AND SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SHABHA ON 06.12.2023 REGARDING LAUNCHING OF MISSION RAFTAAR**

**(a) to (h): Speeding up of trains is a constant endeavor and a continuous process which is dependent upon up gradation of tracks, signaling system, OHE, high powered locos, modern coaches etc.**

**Mission Raftaar was announced in the Railway Budget 2016-17 with the target of increasing the average speed of freight and superfast mail/express trains. The medium-term and long-term plans to achieve the Mission include providing bypasses, rail flyovers, construction of 3<sup>rd</sup> line/4<sup>th</sup> line, right powering of trains, replacement of conventional loco hauled trains by MEMUs, time tabling changes, modification of 1x25 KV traction system to 2x25 KV traction system etc.**

**Two major routes i.e. New Delhi – Mumbai & New Delhi – Howrah of the Golden Quadrilateral have been taken up for enhancing the speed potential. These routes pass through various states of India including Uttar Pradesh.**

**Indian Railway has already commissioned 1337 Km of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor and 1149 Km of Western dedicated Freight Corridor which has enabled freight trains to run at higher speed.**

**It is emphasized that Mission Raftaar is a ‘Mission’ and not a ‘scheme/project(s)’. Therefore, state-wise allocation/utilization of funds cannot be quantified and identification of specific trains cannot be done.**

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