GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2892 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2020

TRAIN BETWEEN JABALPUR AND KHAJURAHO

†2892. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether operation of superfast special train running between Jabalpur and Khajuraho under Western Central Railway Zone has been stopped;
- (b) whether it is a fact that fare of this train was being charged more than road transport;
- (c) whether the Government was also not giving enough publicity to this train in order to promote tourism;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2892 BY SHRI RAKESH SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.03.2020 REGARDING TRAIN BETWEEN JABALPUR AND KHAJURAHO

- (a) Indian Railways operated 13 trips of special train service of 04190/89 Jabalpur Khajuraho Special (Tri-weekly) during the period 19.12.2019 to 17.01.2020. The same has been withdrawn owing to poor occupancy.
- (b) to (e): The fare for the train was as per applicable charges for running of special trains. There was no increase in fare for unreserved /ordinary classes in the train. However, for higher classes, fares were marginally higher than the existing fare of mail/express/superfast trains keeping in view the investments for the coaches, empty running of certain rakes/locos from one location to another, arrangements of spare Guard/loco pilots, special arrangements for stabling/maintenance of the rakes and in certain cases unidirectional demand pattern etc.

Railways and Bus transport are different modes of transport, which are not comparable in terms of volume as well as convenience. Railways' fare may or may not be higher than the Bus fare depending upon the class of travel in train as well as availability of types of bus services over the sectors.

Publicity of this train was given through press releases, in print media, social media and electronic channels.
