

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1637
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.09.2020**

EXPENDITURE ON SHRAMIK EXPRESS TRAINS

**1637. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:
SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number and list of Shramik Express Trains, in terms of State of origin, that have plied since March 24, 2020, state-wise;**
- (b) the total number of passengers, migrant labourers/students who travelled on such trains and the number of passengers who travelled from each origin state of these trains or railway division, state/division-wise;**
- (c) the total expenditure incurred to ply such trains by each division;**
- (d) the price of a ticket for each of these Shramik Express Trains;**
- (e) whether the migrant workers travelling from their home state to other States for employment opportunities will be extended any reduction in train fare and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (f) whether railway divisions earned any income from running the Shramik Express trains and if so, the details thereof, division-wise?**

ANSWER

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) To (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NUMBER 1637 BY SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA, SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI, SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA, SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK AND SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI TO BE ANSWERED ON LOK SABHA ON 21.09.2020 REGARDING EXPENDITURE ON SHRAMIK EXPRESS TRAINS

(a) In order to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, all passenger carrying trains on Indian Railways were cancelled from 23rd March, 2020. However, keeping in view the urgent requirement of movement of stranded persons, Shramik specials were organized in a mission mode. These Shramik specials were organized as “trains on demand” as and when State Governments requisitioned at these trains in accordance with the protocol and guidelines given by the Government. Shramik specials were started w.e.f. 01.05.2020 and in all, 4621 Shramik Specials were operated. The State-wise break up of Shramik train services so operated is as under:-

OUTGOING TRAINS FROM STATES	
State	Number of trains
Gujarat	1033
Maharashtra	817
Punjab	429
Bihar	294
Uttar Pradesh	376
Delhi	259
Tamil Nadu	292
Karnataka	295
Telangana	166
Rajasthan	131
Kerala	190
Haryana	101
Andhra Pradesh	69
Other States	169
Total	4621

INCOMING TRAINS FROM STATES	
State	Number of trains
Uttar Pradesh	1726
Bihar	1627
Jharkhand	222
Odisha	244
West Bengal	284
Madhya Pradesh	129
Chhattisgarh	95
Assam	103
Rajasthan	55
Manipur	22
Other States	114
Total	4621

There are no pending requests from any States for Shramik Special Trains.

(b) Shramik Specials which were operated between 1st May, 2020 to 31st August, 2020 carried 63.19 Lakh passengers to their home States. State-wise details of migrant labours/passengers moved through Shramik Special trains is appended.

(c) to (f) Shramik Special trains were requisitioned by State Governments. In normal circumstances, such special trains are booked by State Government/any agency or by an individual on Full Tariff Rates which include normal fare for both directions, service charge, empty haulage charge, detention charge etc.

Indian Railways allowed booking of Shramik Specials on normal fare for one direction only. Special arrangements like enhanced sanitization, special security, medical arrangement, rake sanitization, free meals, water etc. for Shramik operations, further added to the overall cost of running these trains.

Railways have collected fare for Shramik Special trains from State Governments or their authorized representatives. Railways did not collect any fare directly from the passengers.

Fare collected from State Governments or from the representatives of State Governments for running of Shramik Special trains for period 1st May, 2020 to 31st August, 2020 is approximately ₹ 433 crore.

Railway could recover a small fraction of expenditure incurred on running of Shramik Special trains, thereby incurring a loss in the operation of these trains.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1637 BY SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA, SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI, SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA, SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK AND SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.09.2020 REGARDING EXPENDITURE ON SHRAMIK EXPRESS TRAINS

ORIGINATING STATE-WISE BREAKUP OF NUMBER OF MIGRANT LABOURS/STRANDED PASSENGERS MOVED THROUGH SHRAMIK SPECIAL TRAINS		
S.No.	From (State)	Total Passengers
1	Andhra Pradesh	104,915
2	Assam	6,364
3	Bihar	282,147
4	Chandigarh UT	22,742
5	Chhattisgarh	1,556
6	Delhi	308,181
7	Goa	86,810
8	Gujarat	1,532,712
9	Haryana	154,014
10	Himachal Pradesh	2,460
11	Jammu & Kashmir	44,730
12	Jharkhand	1,691
13	Karnataka	417,378
14	Kerala	310,142
15	Madhya Pradesh	13,602
16	Maharashtra	1,241,573
17	Nagaland	1,600
18	Odisha	3,788
19	Puducherry UT	3,535
20	Punjab	528,587
21	Rajasthan	176,404
22	Tamil Nadu	396,916
23	Telangana	191,005
24	Tripura	22,434
25	Uttar Pradesh	438,390
26	Uttarakhand	19,133
27	West Bengal	6,709
	Total	6,319,518
