

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 574
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.09.2020**

PRIVATISATION OF RAILWAYS

**†574. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:
SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed any incentives policy to promote the private sector to operate trains and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of the trains currently operated by the private sector along with the details of the proposed trains to be operated by private sector;**
- (c) whether the Government is considering a plan to regulate the fare of private trains and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether the Government is considering to run a private sector tourist train connecting the mountainous regions of Kumaon and Garhwal in order to promote tourists in Uttarakhand and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) Ministry of Railways (MoR) have invited applications to invest and induct modern rakes over select routes through Public Private Partnership (PPP) to provide world class services to the passengers. As part of this initiative, MOR have issued 12 Requests for Qualification (RFQs) on 1st July, 2020 for operation of passenger trains over approximately 109 origin-destination pairs (divided into 12 clusters) through PPP on Design, Build, Finance and Operate (“DBFO”) basis. Under this PPP model the private operator will collect fare and specified non-fare revenues from passengers in consideration of the services, as per the Concession Agreement.

(b) As of now, no passenger train service, over Indian Railways, is being operated by Private Operator. The routes are spread across the entire Indian Railway network and the list is available in the public domain namely, <http://www.indianrailways.gov.in/IndicativeRoutesfor12clusters.pdf>.

(c) The private player, shall, in consideration of the investment and services provided by him, be entitled to levy and collect fare from the passengers users in accordance with what the market can bear and also raise other revenues in terms of a Concession Agreement.

(d) The train services in the notified projects (clusters) include destinations of tourist importance like Shirdi, Katra, etc. as well as destinations in the mountainous regions of Kumaon and Garhwal such as New Rishikesh and Kathgodam.
