### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 408 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2021

#### **TRAIN SERVICES FROM RAJASTHAN**

#### **†\*408. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:**

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

(a) the names of States which share highest number of train passengers with Rajasthan;

(b) whether it is proposed to start new train services to those States from Rajasthan for which there is a demand;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### ANSWER

## MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 408 BY SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.03.2021 REGARDING TRAIN SERVICES FROM RAJASTHAN

(a): State-wise details of number of passengers is not maintained by Indian Railways.

(b) to (d): Indian Railways does not run train services on State-wise basis as trains on Indian Railway network operates across State boundaries. However, North Western Railway and West Central Railway primarily serve stations located in the State of Rajasthan. During 2019-20, 10 trains (single journey) were introduced over North Western Railway while 04 trains (single journey) were introduced over West Central Railway. Besides, introduction of new trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic demand, availability of resources, etc.

With a view to augment and further strengthen rail network in the State of Rajasthan, as on 01.04.2020, 30 projects (11 new lines, 05-gauge conversion and 14 doubling) covering a total length of 5,173 km and costing ₹57,247 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan are in different stages of Planning/Sanction/Execution.

Average annual Budget allocation on infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in Rajasthan during 2014-19 has been increased to ₹2,951 crore per year from ₹682 crore per year during 2009-14, i.e. increase of 333%. Budget allocation for these projects in 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 has been increased to ₹4,686 crore, ₹4,582 crore and ₹4,986 crore respectively which is 587%, 572% and 631% higher than the average annual budget allocation of 2009-14 respectively.

Execution of two cost sharing projects namely Ratlam – Dungarpur via Banswara New Line (Length – 189 km., anticipated Cost –  $\gtrless$  4,262 crore) and Ajmer (Nasirabad) - Tonk -Sawai Madhopur (Chauth Ka Barwara) New Line (Length – 165 Km., anticipated Cost –  $\gtrless$  1,980 crore) are held up as Government of Rajasthan has not fulfilled their earlier commitment of providing land free of cost and sharing 50% construction cost of these projects.

Moreover, augmentation of infrastructure and introduction of train services is a continuous and ongoing process.

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