

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1526  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2021**

**NILGIRI MOUNTAIN RAILWAY**

**1526. SHRI A. RAJA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has failed to provide an alternative special train instead of the private company run Nilgiri Mountain Railway (NMR) during the weekends of December, 2020 and January, 2021 and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government is aware that a large number of public, unions, staff and many former railway members have strongly objected to the running of NMR by private player during the weekends; and**
- (c) if so, the reasons for operating NMR by private company?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) to (c) Railway ran chartered train services during the weekends of December, 2020 and January, 2021 on full tariff rates on receipt of demand from private parties. These trains were run by Railways and not by Private Companies, as per the extant procedure. Train services (fully reserved special trains) open to general public have commenced operation on Nilgiri Mountain Railway (NMR) since 31.12.2020.**

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