

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2670  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2021**

**PRIVATISATION OF ROUTES**

**2670. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:**

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

- (a) the number of routes that have been privatised so far and are expected to be privatised in the near future;**
- (b) the number of private trains operating at present that have received permission and those which are awaiting permission;**
- (c) the criteria followed to decide the routes for privatisation; and**
- (d) the manner in which the private train operations have affected the normal trains?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (d) At present no Indian Railway route has been privatized and no passenger train is being operated by the private operators. Indian Railways have observed a dropped waiting list of about 5 crore passengers during 2019-20 due to lack of capacity and to meet this gap, Indian Railways is already increasing production of Vande Bharat, Tejas, LHB, Vistadome etc types of coaches in trains. In addition, Indian Railways has invited bids for private participation to induct 151 trains (rakes) over 12 clusters through Public Private Partnership (PPP). The financial bids for all the 12 clusters for the PPP project have been opened on 23.07.2020. The Bids are under evaluation. The Origin-Destination pairs of the train services have been decided on the basis of commercial demand and operational feasibility. The existing passenger train services shall not be affected by the operation of train services through PPP mode as these train services will be in addition to the existing train services.**

**\*\*\*\*\***