

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1656  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2021**

**PRIVATE TRAINS**

**1656. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:**

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

- (a) the details of reasons behind the Government's decision to allow the private sector to run 151 trains;**
- (b) the number of additional trains the Government intends to hand over to the private sector in the next five years;**
- (c) whether subsidies or assistance is likely to be provided to Below Poverty Line persons, persons belonging to Economically Weaker Sections, senior citizens, defence personnel and Persons with Disabilities on trains run by the private sector; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) & (b) About 5 crore dropped waiting list passengers were observed in 2019-20 due to lack of carrying capacity in the existing trains. To meet this gap, Indian Railways had invited bids for private participation to induct trains through Public Private Partnership (PPP). The Tender Committee, after due deliberation, recommended for discharge of the Tender. Competent Authority has accepted the recommendation of the Tender Committee. At present, No private train service over Indian Railways is being operated by Private Operators.**

**(c) & (d) Do not arise.**

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