

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2542
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024**

OVERCROWDING ON TRAINS ORIGINATING FROM BIHAR

2542 DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures undertaken to address the persistent issue of overcrowding on trains originating from Bihar;**
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to increase the number of trains originating from Bihar keeping in view heavy waitlisted tickets on Bihar-bound trains; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2542 BY DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING OVERCROWDING ON TRAINS ORIGINATING FROM BIHAR

(a) to (c) To cater to the travelling needs of passengers, Indian Railways (IR), operates various types of regular time-tabled trains e.g. Suburban, short distance Passenger trains, long distance/Mail/Express/ Superfast trains with different composition catering to different segments of passengers.

In its constant endeavour to provide additional accommodation to travelling passengers, IR operates Special train services during festivals, holidays, etc. and also augments the load of trains, both on permanent and temporary basis, to meet the additional demand. These are on-going processes. Details of special trains operated are as follows:

Year	Holi Special	Summer Special	Chhath Special
2022	241	4599	2614
2023	527	6369	4480
2024	604	12919	Festival in November

Further, to provide greater accommodation for the passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper Coaches, the extant policy regarding composition of Mail/Express trains, provide for 12 (Twelve) General class & Sleeper class non-AC coaches and 08 (eight) AC-Coaches, in a train of 22 coaches. Of the total number of Coaches being presently utilised for running of train services, two-third are non-AC, and one-third are AC variants.

Additionally, Indian Railways have introduced Amrit Bharat services, which have modern State-of the Art technology, are equipped with advanced features like Semi-Permanent couplers for jerk free travel, horizontal sliding windows, foldable snack table and bottle holders, mobile holders etc. These services, which are fully non-AC trains, presently comprising 12 Sleeper Class Coaches and 8 General Class coaches, are providing high quality services to the passengers.

Furthermore, keeping in view increased demand, IR has planned to manufacture 10,000 non-AC Coaches including General Class and Sleeper Class Coaches.
