

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4278
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025**

**PASSENGERS TRAVELLING BETWEEN JAUNPUR AND
MAHARASHTRA-GUJARAT**

4278. ADV PRIYA SAROJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has data on the number of passengers travelling annually between Jaunpur district of Uttar Pradesh and the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether any assessment or study has been conducted regarding the volume of passengers, especially during peak periods like festivals, between these regions, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed the adequacy of the current frequency of trains operating between Jaunpur district and major cities in Maharashtra and Gujarat, in view of consistently high passenger demand, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the present services meet the demand adequately, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Government has any proposals under consideration to introduce new trains or increase the frequency of existing trains, if so, the details thereof and the timeline for implementation and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) to (e) Presently, Jaunpur is being served by 30 pairs of Mail/Express trains which includes 06 pairs of train services catering to the needs of Jaunpur-Mumbai sector and 02 pairs of train services catering to the needs**

of Jaunpur-Ahmedabad sector. The Railway network straddles across state boundaries. Accordingly, trains are introduced as per network requirement across such boundaries. Besides, introduction of new train services and increase in frequency of services are on-going processes on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility etc.

On Indian Railways, occupancy pattern of trains is not uniform throughout the year and it varies over lean and peak periods. During peak rush periods, the occupancy of the trains especially on popular routes remains full whereas during lean period and on less popular routes, there is sub optimal utilization. However, State-wise data for number of passengers is not maintained.

Traffic pattern of the trains running on Indian Railways is monitored on regular basis and to cater to additional demand, load of existing trains are augmented, special trains are run, new trains are introduced, frequency of existing trains is increased etc. subject to operational feasibility.

To provide greater accommodation for the passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper Coaches, the extant policy regarding composition of Mail/Express trains provides for 12 General class & Sleeper class non-AC coaches and 08 AC-Coaches, in a train of 22 coaches, thereby providing greater accommodation for the passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper Coaches.

In addition to Mail/Express trains, Indian Railways also operate unreserved non-AC passenger trains / MEMU/EMU etc. for affordable travel.

Presently, there are about 79,000 coaches being utilized for running train services. The details are as under:

Class	No. of coaches
General and Non-AC Sleeper	56,000 (70% of total)
AC coaches	23,000
Total	79,000

To generate additional accommodation for different segments of passengers, additional coaches are also added to existing trains on a permanent and temporary basis. Details of additional coaches attached on a permanent basis during the last two years are as under:

Year	Additional coaches attached
2023-24	872
2024-25 (Till Feb 25)	983

With a view to augment the accommodation and for the benefit of passengers travelling in unreserved coaches, about 1,200 General Class coaches have been attached in the Mail/Express trains operating with LHB coaches during the current financial year 2024-25. Keeping in view increased demand of the passengers travelling by Non-AC coaches, IR has planned to manufacture 17,000 General Class/Sleeper Class Coaches.

In addition to the various types of regular trains, Indian Railways also operates Special train services during festivals, holidays, etc. to cater to the extra needs of passengers. The details of special trains

operated during the year 2024 and year 2025 (till February, 2025) are as under:

Event	No. of train trips	No. of Passengers served
Maha Kumbh-2025	17,340	4.24 cr
Durga Pooja / Deepawali / Chhath, 2024	7,990	1.1 cr
Summer vacation, 2024	12,919	1.8 cr
Holi, 2024	604	8.6 lakh
