

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 690
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025**

SPECIAL TRAINS FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMS

690. SHRI PUSHPENDRA SAROJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of exam related special trains operational in Uttar Pradesh since 2022;**
- (b) the details of the total number of seats available along with the total number of passengers travelled, year-wise;**
- (c) whether there are any instances of overcrowding in these special trains reported, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether the Government has commissioned any review of the shortfall in special train for competitive exams, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) As the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. However, to supplement the availability of accommodation in regular train services and to cater to the extra rush of passengers during peak seasons, festivals, special events, examination, etc., Indian Railways (IR), subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources, etc, also operates special trains and also augments the loads of existing services. This is an on-going process. During 2024-25, IR operated approx. 85,400 trips of special trains.
