

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1109
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2015**

LOSSES IN PREMIUM TRAINS

**1109. SHRI V.PANNEERSELVAM:
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SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that some premium express trains like Rajdhani, Shatabdi and some commercial trains are incurring huge losses and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Railways propose to take multiple reforms including rationalisation of the work force, setting up an independent regulator and reorganisation of railway services and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Railways are considering to reduce the number of low occupancy premium trains and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Railways also propose to operate only those premium trains which have higher occupancy; and**
- (e) if so, whether these trains will continue to operate as special trains with Tatkal fare structure and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): Train-wise figures of profitability are not calculated. However, tentative profitability study of selected trains had been done which, prima facie, indicated that some of these trains did not achieve break-even point.

(b): Reforms and rationalization of work force are on-going processes to raise productivity. Ministry of Railways has proposed to set up an independent regulatory mechanism for making regulations, setting performance standards and determining tariffs.

(c) to (e): W.e.f. 01.07.2015, in place of Premium trains, Suvidha trains have been introduced with rationalized fare structure & provision for refund.
