

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3442  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2015**

**NASIK KUMBH MELA**

**3442. SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:**

**SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:**

**ADV. M.UDHAYAKUMAR:**

**SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:**

**SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:**

**KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:**

**PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:**

**DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:**

**SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:**

**SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:**

**KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:**

**SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:**

**SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:**

**DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:**

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

**(a) whether the Railways have made arrangements for additional special trains for pilgrims for the upcoming Sinhanstha Kumbh Mela at Nashik to be held during this year;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) the details of the proposals/suggestions received from the State Government of Maharashtra in this regard and the action taken thereon;**

**(d) whether the arrangements are sufficient to meet the requirement of pilgrims/passengers and if not, the reasons therefor; and**

**(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to make adequate arrangements for the pilgrims?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

**(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. To cater to the expected influx of pilgrims during Nasik Kumbh Mela, Indian Railways has planned operation of special**

**trains, augmentation of load of existing trains and, also providing of temporary stoppage of Mail/Express trains to the extent justified and feasible.**

**(c) to (e): Based on extensive discussions held with the Government of Maharashtra at Zonal and Divisional level, provision/augmentation of various passenger amenities such as platform shelters, platforms surfacing, circulating area, drinking water supply, toilet facilities, widening & extension of one Foot Over Bridge and construction of one additional platform etc have been undertaken at Nasik Road station in connection with Simhastha Kumbh Mela 2015.**

**For crowd management and bandobast duty, 560 additional Railway Protection Special Force staff have been deployed at Nasik during Kumbh Mela to assist local police, GRP and Commercial Department.**

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