GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.610 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.04.2016

ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING SIMHASTHA KUMBH MELA, 2016

610. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA: KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH: SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO: SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR: SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN: SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN: SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR: DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made adequate arrangements for the travel of pilgrims who are expected to visit the Simhastha Kumbh Mela, 2016 in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the present availability of trains is not sufficient to meet the requirement of pilgrims/passengers;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide adequate facilities to pilgrims in the trains during this pilgrimage?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d) To cater to the expected influx of pilgrims during the

Simhastha Kumbh Mela at Ujjain, Indian Railways has planned to

run special trains including DEMU/MEMU, augmentation of load of

existing regular trains and, providing temporary stoppage of Mail/Express trains to the extent justified and feasible.

(e) Additional resources have been mobilized to ensure proper upkeep of coaches deployed in trains catering to Simhastha Kumbh Mela.

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