GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4013
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2016

NEW TRAINS IN WEST BENGAL

4013. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new trains introduced in West Bengal during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the amount of fund allocated for development of Railway network in West Bengal during the last three years;

(c) whether the Railways has conducted any survey on the problems being faced by the passengers owing to shortage of trains in West Bengal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4013 BY SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.08.2016 REGARDING NEW TRAINS IN WEST BENGAL.

(a) Indian Railways do not runs trains on State-wise basis as rail network run across State boundaries. The details of train services (originating/terminating basis) introduced during the last three years serving the stations in the State of West Bengal are as under:

| Year | No. of trains  (in single) |
|---|---|
| 2013-14 | 50 |
| 2014-15 | 22 |
| 2015-16 | 30 |

(b) The Accounting and Budgeting Units of Indian Railways are the Railway zones and Production Units. The Railway Budget is, therefore, prepared Railway zone wise and not State-wise. The figures of allotments for States are therefore not maintained. Hence the information about fund allocated for development of railway network in West Bengal during the last three years cannot be segregated.

However, since the State of West Bengal primarily falls under the areas being served by Eastern, Northeast Frontier, South Eastern and Metro Railways, the gross allocation made to these Railways under Demand No. 16-Assets-Acquisition, Construction & Replacement in the revised estimates during the last three years for development of railway network and other Plan activities is given in the following table-

(`₹ in crores.)

| Railways | Revised Estimates 2013-14 | Revised Estimates 2014-15 | Revised Estimates 2015-16 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Eastern | 5785.99 | 5093.11 | 5413.21 |
| Northeast Frontier | 5826.23 | 8301.03 | 7987.24 |
| South Eastern | 4470.22 | 2997.61 | 3579.01 |
| Metro Railway/ Kolkata | 531.21 | 537.61 | 623.25 |

(c) & (d) Indian Railways do not conduct surveys on State-wise basis. However, Indian Railways continuously strive to improve passenger traffic by various measures like introduction of new trains, enhancement of the composition of more popular trains, attachment of extra coaches in the existing trains etc. Also, special trains are run during peak seasons, festivals and special events, keeping in view the pattern of traffic, commercial justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc. Running of special trains keeping in view the demand on various sectors is a continuous process.

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