

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1721
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2026**

OPTIMISATION OF TTES MANNING IN RAILWAY

1721. SHRI CHAVAN RAVINDRA VASANTRAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to conduct a study to review manning of TTEs on trains and stationary duties at all commercial offices at station to eliminate overstaffing/understaffing and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether TTEs travel as spares as per existing arrangement in some of the trains of Northern Railway particularly 22401/22402 running between DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla) and MCTM (Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan/Udhampur) stations and if so, the details along with the actual position in this regard;**
- (c) whether the current practice results in an avoidable loss of man power and additional expenses incurred in the form of Travelling Allowance (TA) for the TTEs and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether the Government has recently proposed an effective solution to optimise manpower and reducing unnecessary expenditure incurring due to the train manning duty assigned to the TTEs and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) to (d): Indian Railways assign Travelling Ticket Examiners (TTEs) to train and station duties with the objective of making the best possible use of the available manpower. According to the latest guidelines:**
- i. One TTE is deployed for maximum of 5 AC coaches.**
 - ii. One TTE is deployed for maximum of 3 Chair Car or Sleeper coaches.**

In simple terms, the number of TTEs assigned to a train depends on its coach composition, ensuring efficient use of existing manpower while maintaining adequate ticket-checking and passenger assistance.

Train No. 22401/22402 DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla) - MCTM (Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan/Udhampur) Express is being manned on an end-to-end basis by the staff of Jammu Head Quarters being the nearest headquarter in the direction of the train movement. The Jammu HQ TTEs who go in 22401 ex DEE upto MCTM come back doing checking in 12472 group upto Jammu and fresh batch moves in 12471 group doing checking upto MCTM and takes 22402 ex MCTM to DEE. Thus, to avoid idle spare movement of the staff, ticket checking duties have been assigned to the staff between Jammu and Udhampur.

Administrative guidelines have been issued from time to time to zonal Railways to adopt measures to optimize manpower utilization, inter-alia asking the Railways to:

- i. Review the TTE links in coordination with adjacent Railways, if necessary.**
- ii. Extend the run of TTEs beyond Divisional/Zonal jurisdiction subject to Hours of Employment Regulation (HOER) norms, wherever feasible, so as to maximise manning of coaches.**
- iii. Rationalising the strength of ticket checking staff posted in the ticket checking squads so as to ensure increased availability of manpower to be deployed in the trains and at stations.**

Taking such actions is a continuous and ongoing process.
