

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.481
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.09.2020**

BOOKING IN SHRMIK SPECIAL TRAINS

**481. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:
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SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Shramik Special train run by Railways to repatriate migrants labourers to their native places along with the number of migrant workers who have been repatriated to their native places, State-wise;**
- (b) whether many of the migrant workers could not get booking in Shramik Special trains forcing them to travel on foot and other mean and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;**
- (c) the facilities provided by the Railways to the migrants workers during the journey;**
- (d) whether any amount is charged from migrant workers for travelling in these trains and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether most of these trains took longer time than the prescribed time to reach the designated places putting the migrant labourers under lot of difficulties and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 481 BY ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH, SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA, DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE, KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE, DR. DNV SENTHIL KUMAR S., DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE, SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B., SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA, SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.09.2020 REGARDING BOOKING IN SHRMIK SPECIAL TRAINS

(a) From 01.05.2020, in all, 4621 Shramik Special trains were operated for the movement of stranded persons and migrants and 63.19 lakh passengers were transported to their respective States. The State-wise data of train services is as under:-

OUTGOING TRAINS FROM STATES	
State	Number of trains
Gujarat	1033
Maharashtra	817
Punjab	429
Bihar	294
Uttar Pradesh	376
Delhi	259
Tamil Nadu	292
Karnataka	295
Telangana	166
Rajasthan	131
Kerala	190
Haryana	101
Andhra Pradesh	69
Other States	169
Total	4621
INCOMING TRAINS TO STATES	
State	Number of trains
Uttar Pradesh	1726
Bihar	1627
Jharkhand	222

Odisha	244
West Bengal	284
Madhya Pradesh	129
Chhattisgarh	95
Assam	103
Rajasthan	55
Manipur	22
Other States	114
Total	4621

There are no pending requests from any States for Shramik Special Trains.

(b) No, Sir. Immediately after the Government decided to operate trains for migrant workers, the Shramik specials were organised in mission mode w.e.f. 01.05.2020. The Shramik specials were organized as “trains on demand” as and when State Governments requisitioned these trains, in accordance with the protocol and guidelines given by the Government. All the demands placed by sending states were met promptly and no State which requested for running of any number of Shramik Special trains was refused. The list of stranded persons was decided by the States concerned and Railways provided the trains service in a prompt manner. Railways did not do any bookings for Stranded persons/migrant workers directly on its own.

(c) Indian Railways have supplied a total number of 1.96 cr meals and 2.19 cr packaged Drinking Water bottles to the passengers of Shramik Special Trains during the journey. Further, an estimated number of 46.2 lakh meals and Water Bottles each have been provided by the State Governments to them at the time of commencement of the Special Trains.

(d) Shramik special trains were requisitioned by State Governments. In normal circumstances such special trains are booked by state

Governments/any agency or by an individual on Full Tariff Rates which include normal fare for both directions, service charge, empty haulage charge, detention charge etc. Indian Railways allowed booking of Shramik Special on normal fare for one direction only. Further, special arrangements like enhanced sanitization, special security, medical arrangement, rake sanitization, free meals, water etc., added to the overall cost of running of these trains. Due to above arrangements Railways could recover a small fraction of expenditure incurred on Shramik Special trains.

(e) Shramik specials were operated as “trains on demand” and were run as per the requirements of the State Governments. Most of the around 4600 trains ran as scheduled trains on average speeds of Express trains either on time or with small delays. As most of the Shramik specials were run towards Eastern part of the country on specific routes only to ease congestion on these routes, very few trains were routed through alternate non-congested routes between 20th and 24th May, 2020 during the peak phase of Shramik special operations.
