

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1543  
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SPECIAL TRAINS DURING SABARIMALA SEASON  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of 'special trains' introduced by the Southern Railways during this 'Sabarimala' season (2010-11);
- (b) whether the schedule of regular trains gets affected by the introduction of such special trains;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Railways have received any request for more special trains between Thiruvananthapuram and Bangalore/Mumbai/Delhi during the coming Sabarimala season;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the reaction of the Railway thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI K.H.MUNYAPPA)

- (a) 168 trips of special trains have been planned by Southern Railway to cater to extra rush of traffic during winter Season 2010-11 which is also expected to cover the passenger traffic for Sabrimala.
- (b) No, Madam.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) to (f) Requests for special trains are received at various levels i.e Station, Division, Zonal and Railway Board and necessary action as found operationally feasible and commercially justified is taken. No compendium of statistics for such requests is maintained.