GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2417 ANSWERED ON:10.03.2011 SPECIAL TRAINS FOR SUMMER Thomas Shri P. T.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware that the present system of introducing special trains at last moment during summer vacations and festival seasons has not been very beneficial to a large number of passengers;

(b) if so, whether the Railways propose to introduce such trains well in advance in view of heavy rush during the period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Railways plan special trains well in advance to clear the extra rush of passengers during summer and festival seasons keeping in view the pattern of traffic, operational feasibility and availability of resources. On a few occasions, special trains are required to be run at the last moment to clear rush due to sudden events. Special trains are run on a notified time table and are generally well patronized and have been beneficial to a large number of passengers.