

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL TRAINS

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that the present system of introducing special trains in last moment during summer vacation and festival season has not been very beneficial to a large number of passengers;
- (b) if so, whether the Railways propose to review the current system;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Railways propose to introduce such trains well in advance in view of heavy rush during the period particularly a special pilgrimage train from Kanyakumari to Srinagar; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): 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 during summer vacations and festival season are run on a notified time table and are generally well patronized and therefore have been beneficial to a large number of passengers. This is an ongoing process on Indian Railways. There is, however, no direct rail connectivity between Kanyakumari and Srinagar at present.