

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SPECIAL TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have conducted any study on the demand for special trains to Kerala from various locations like Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai, Mumbai and other important cities especially during the peak period like summer vacation and festivals and pilgrim seasons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken to meet the high demand of availability of trains for the ensuing summer vacation/ festival seasons to various cities especially for Kerala along with the steps taken to create mass awareness about such trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) to (c): Regular analysis and periodic reviews on quota utilization, occupancy and patronage of trains, including the trains bound for Kerala from various locations are undertaken. Indian Railways continuously strive to meet the increase in passenger traffic by various measures like introduction of new trains, enhancement of the composition of more popular trains, attachment of extra coaches in the existing trains, to cater to additional demand. Also special trains including trains bound for Kerala from various locations are run for clearance of extra passenger traffic during peak seasons, festivals, special events, keeping in view the pattern of traffic, commercial justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc. Running of special trains on various sectors is a continuous process.

Wide publicity of the special trains run is given through media, public announcements and display systems at stations. An All India Summer specials Time Table published every year by the Railways.