

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PUJA AND SPECIAL TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of 'Puja Special' and other special trains introduced by the Railways in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the High Official requisition (HOR) quota is also valid for such trains;
- (c) if so, whether the berths allotted under HOR quota in sleeper coaches were not released from railway board/headquarters for many days due to technical fault in the month of October, 2009;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the schedule of regular trains gets affected by the introduction of such special trains; and
- (f) if so, the details of losses of revenue caused to the Railways as a result thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Data for special trains run during different festivals are not maintained separately. However, approximate total number of special trains run during the last three years and current year is as under:

Year	Special trains (In trips)
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2006-07	16,249
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2007-08	21,750
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2008-09	33,908
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2009-10	22,748 (upto Sept.09)
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(b) to (d) Emergency Quota in all trains including special trains is controlled by Zonal Railways. In case of Northern Railway, Emergency Quota controlled jointly with the Ministry of Railways. No incidence of non-releasing of Emergency Quota in the month of October, 2009 has been reported.

(e) Planning for running special trains is done taking in view the operational feasibility without affecting schedule of regular trains.

(f) Does not arise.