

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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Losses in Premium Trains

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

- a) whether it is a fact that some premium express trains like Rajdhani, Shatabdi and some commercial trains are incurring huge losses and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to take multiple reforms including rationalisation of the work force, setting up an independent regulator and reorganisation of railway services and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways are considering to reduce the number of low occupancy premium trains and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Railways also propose to operate only those premium trains which have higher occupancy; and
- (e) if so, whether these trains will continue to operate as special trains with Tatkal fare structure and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

- (a): Train-wise figures of profitability are not calculated. However, tentative profitability study of selected trains had been done which, prima facie, indicated that some of these trains did not achieve break-even point.
- (b): Reforms and rationalization of work force are on-going processes to raise productivity. Ministry of Railways has proposed to set up an independent regulatory mechanism for making regulations, setting performance standards and determining tariffs.
- (c) to (e): W.e.f. 01.07.2015, in place of Premium trains, Suvidha trains have been introduced with rationalized fare structure & provision for refund.

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