

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SPECIAL TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the zone-wise details of the total number of Special Trains operating in the country, including Rajasthan;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Special Trains lack basic amenities like potable water, catering, cleanliness, water in toilets and also run late; and
- (c) if so, the steps/measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) Indian Railways run special trains during peak seasons, festivals, special events for clearance extra rush of passengers keeping in view the pattern of traffic, operational feasibility and availability of resources. This is an ongoing process on Indian Railways. The zone-wise details of approximate total number of special trains run, including Rajasthan, from April 2014 to June 2014 is as under:-

Railway	Special trains (In trips)
Central	384
Eastern	130
Northern	3361
North Eastern	1499
North East Frontier	301
North Western	2266
East Coast	486
Southern	256
South Eastern	754
South East Central	165
South Western	1119
Western	1810
South Central	187
North Central	89
East Central	300
West Central	414
Total	13521

(b) & (c) Basic amenities are provided in the coaches running in special trains as per the prescribed norms. Besides, healthy level of cleanliness and hygiene in coaches and coach toilets and adequate watering in these trains are also ensured.

Catering services are provided in trains through pantry car where pantry car is attached and trains in which pantry cars are not provided, catering services are provided through Train Side Vending (TSV) in trains and /or by supply of meals through static catering units at en-route stations.

Railways continuously monitor the punctuality of passenger trains including special trains, right from the time they commence their journey till they terminate, at the Divisional, Zonal and Board level; it also assesses the extent of delay and takes effective remedial steps, both short and long term to control the factors which impede the running of trains.