

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.446
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021**

REVENUE LOSS DURING IN LOCKDOWN

**446. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:
SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:
PROF. SAUGATA RAY:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of trains which have resumed services and are currently running daily, including mail and express trains, passenger trains, suburban trains as well as special fare trains;**
- (b) the time frame in which the railway services in the country are expected to resume full operation;**
- (c) the details of the expected fall in revenue from passenger fares and services during this financial year, because of the nationwide lockdown and travel advisories and the steps, if any, taken by the Government to incentivise travel while ensuring the safety of passengers;**
- (d) whether an assessment has been made as to the total financial loss caused to Indian Railways on account of the cancellation of trains due to COVID-19 pandemic; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof zone-wise?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House..

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 446 BY SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA, SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN AND PROF. SAUGATA RAY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.02.2021 REGARDING REVENUE LOSS DURING IN LOCKDOWN

(a) & (b) Indian Railways, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Government from time to time, resumed passenger train operations w.e.f. 1st May, 2020 by operating Shramik special trains followed by operation of Rajdhani Special services w.e.f. 12th May, 2020. The numbers of services have been increased in a phased manner and presently, Indian Railways is operating 1206 Mail/Express Special Trains, 204 Passenger trains and 5017 Suburban Trains. Additionally, 684 Festival Special are also being operated. Indian Railways is keeping a close watch on the prevailing situation and is in all readiness to resume regular train operations. Till such time, special trains, keeping in view the concerns and suggestions of State Governments are being operated.

(c) to (e) Overall profit or loss of Indian Railways is calculated at the close of a financial year. However, due to the adverse impact of COVID-19 pandemic, consequential lockdown and partial operation of passenger services, total traffic revenue of Railways in the current year to end of December 2020 have declined by ₹. 36,993.82 crore compared to corresponding period of last year. Out of this, ₹. 32,768.97 crore is on account of decline in Passenger revenues during this period. Zone-wise position is given below:

Railway	Total Traffic Revenue (₹.in crore)		
	To end of December 2019	To end of December 2020	Variation of revenue to end of December 2020 over the position to end of December 2019

Central	10773.95	5659.65	-5114.30
Eastern	5052.03	3533.24	-1518.79
East Central	8399.35	7391.47	-1007.88
East Coast	12775.95	12192.90	-583.05
Northern	10374.81	6305.46	-4069.35
North Central	10086.72	6444.15	-3642.57
North Eastern	2545.95	1618.08	-927.87
Northeast Frontier	3937.14	3375.58	-561.56
North Western	5258.61	4088.43	-1170.18
Southern	6309.79	2389.30	-3920.49
South Central	11872.93	6706.59	-5166.34
South Eastern	11617.91	10195.13	-1422.78
South East Central	9963.88	9447.33	-516.55
South Western	3650.57	2404.87	-1245.70
Western	8663.45	4961.48	-3701.97
West Central	8727.58	6460.54	-2267.04
Metro/Kolkata	184.74	27.34	-157.40
Total	130195.36	93201.54	-36993.82

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic situation, Indian Railways has not been encouraging movement of passengers to effectively manage the pandemic and contain its spread. Keeping in view the concerns and suggestions of State Governments to efficiently manage COVID 19 pandemic, special trains are operated.
