

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.483  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025  
SPECIAL TRAINS FOR FESTIVALS**

**483. SMT. MALA ROY:**

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

- (a) the number of special trains run by the Railway Ministry for Bengal at the time of Durga Puja; and**  
**(b) the number of special trains run for Bihar at the time of Chhath Puja during the last five years, year and route-wise?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) and (b) As the railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains services including special trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries.**

**Indian Railways(IR) operates Special train services to supplement the accommodation available by regular trains and to facilitate travel of passengers during festivals, holidays, religious congregations etc. Accordingly, to facilitate the passengers during the festivals like Durga Puja, Diwali and Chhath, IR, have operated more than 12,300 Special trains during the period of 1st October 2025 to 30th November 2025.**

**Considering the demand, to facilitate travel during Durga Puja, Diwali and Chhath number, number of Special trains operated across the Indian Railways network have increased significantly over the years. The details are as below:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of trips</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>2614</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>4480</b>
<b>2024</b>	<b>7990</b>
<b>2025</b>	<b>~12,300</b>