

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3801  
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SUMMER SPECIAL TRAINS  
NAMDEO HARBAJI DIWATHE

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

- (a) whether the Government have assessed the performance in terms of returns anticipated and actually received from running of Summer Special Trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise;
- (c) whether the revenue earned from Summer Special Trains was much below the expected level
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefore; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for realistic assessment of summer traffic in future ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH )

(a) to (e): Level of occupancy and not earning is the criteria for assessing the performance of special trains arranged during summer. Accordingly, the running of summer specials is planned every year by analyzing the occupancy of summer specials run during the previous year and also the waiting list position in the regular trains. In those sectors where the summer specials were not patronised during the previous year, the services are either curtailed to the extent required or withdrawn as the case may be. However, from the available figures, it has been observed that during the current year, the total earnings from the passenger traffic for the months of April-June, 2000, was higher as compared to that of the previous year.