

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2909  
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SPECIAL TRAINS FOR AJMER SHARIF  
JASWANT SINGH YADAV

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

- (a) the number of special trains introduced for the 788th Annual Urs of Khawaja Moinuddin Chisti:
- (b) the number of passengers are likely to be travelled by these trains:
- (c) whether the Government had given some concessions to the pilgrims visiting the shrine;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the income likely to be earned by the Government from the special trains during the Urs?

**Answer**

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

(a): 35 special trains were run for the 788th Annual Urs at Ajmer.

(b) & (e): The total carrying capacity of these 35 special trains was approximately 37,200 berth/seats. However, the data regarding the number of persons traveled by these special trains and the earning therefrom is not compiled separately.

(c) & (d): A group of 72 Pilgrims of Calcutta were granted 25% concession in Second/Sleeper class Mail/Expressfares for outward and return journey from Calcutta to Ajmer to attend the Holy Urs of Khwaja Garib Nawaz held during October, 2000.