

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2492
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RUNNING OF SPECIAL TRAINS BEYOND FESTIVALS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the South-Eastern Railway had introduced special trains from Howrah to Bangalore in order to clear the extra rush during the Durga Pooja/Dussehra festival;
- (b) if so, the total trains introduced during this season ;
- (c) the extent to which it had reduced the rush;
- (d) whether the special trains will continue to run even after the Dussehra/Durga Pooja festivals; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

- (a) : Yes, Sir.
- (b) : A total of 8 pair of trains were run between Howrah and Bangalore during this season.
- (c) : Each trip of this special train provided about 1026 seats/berths to the general public. For further reducing the waitlisted passengers, loads of 8003/8004 Howrah-Yashwantpur (Bangalore) Bi-weekly Expresses were augmented by extra coaches.
- (d) : No, Sir.
- (e): Does not arise.