

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CANCELLATION OF FESTIVE SPECIAL TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways had to cancel special trains being run during the festive season for want of passengers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total loss suffered by the Railways due to the cancellation of such trains;
- (d) whether the number of passengers is assessed before introducing special trains; and
- (e) if so, the reasons for cancellation of such trains?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): To clear the extra rush of passengers, Indian Railways plan special trains on various sectors subject to the traffic pattern, operational feasibility and availability of resources. The traffic pattern is closely monitored. This year also, Indian Railways planned various services/trips on different sectors. However, of the planned trips, only very few trips were not run as the traffic on some sectors was found to be less than anticipated. The details are as under:

Sector Trips planned Trips actually run

Howrah-Bhubaneswar	3	1
Bhubaneswar-Howrah	3	1
Howrah-Mumbai CST	6	4
Mumbai CST-Howrah	6	4
Guwahati-Sealdah	6	4
Sealdah-Guwahati	6	4
Nagpur-Patna	1	0

As the resources like stock, crew etc. planned to be deployed on such special trains on the grounds of passenger amenity, upon being released, are used for other services, no loss is suffered.