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Train services between Jharkhand and Southern States

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(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people travel from Jharkhand to Southern States for medical purposes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the waiting time for getting a confirmed ticket is very long; and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry is planning to increase/start new train services between Jharkhand and Southern States?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): State-wise and journey purpose-wise details of number of passengers is not maintained.

(b): In the computerised Passenger Reservation System (PRS), available reserved accommodation is booked on first come first served basis. During peak rush periods/days and on popular routes, the available confirmed accommodation gets booked within short span of time after the opening of reservation. However, during lean period and over less popular routes, confirmed accommodation is available for a comparatively longer period. The time elapsed for a waitlisted ticket to get confirmed also vary during peak period and lean period.

(c): Indian Railways do not run new train services on State-wise basis as Railway network and train operations between originating & terminating stations lying on various Zonal Railways cut across State boundaries. This is an ongoing process subject to traffic demand, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc. However, a new weekly service between Hatia and Ernakulam serving the State of Jharkhand and southern States has been planned for introduction.

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