

(b) and (c) Since the year 2010, recruitment process in Railways is being done regularly through authorized recruiting agencies namely Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) and Railway Recruitment Cells (RRCs). The shortfall or backlog vacancies of SCs, STs and OBCs left unfilled are taken care of in the subsequent recruitment cycle. As such, there is no need for launching any Special Recruitment Drive in the Railways as of now.

#### **Travelling of children in Swarna Jayanti Rajdhani Express**

4142. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government has any data about the children who travelled in Swarna Jayanti Rajdhani Express (Ahmedabad-Delhi return) in last six months and the increase in income by charging full fare on children tickets, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): The number of full fare child passengers booked in train no. 12958/12957 New Delhi-Ahmedabad-New Delhi for the period from September 2016 to February 2017, is 10,635 resulting in realisation of fare of ₹ 2,13,63,741.

#### **Frequency of trains between Banihal and Baramulla**

4143. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the current frequency (time-gap) of trains running between Banihal and Baramulla in Kashmir;

(b) whether Government is planning to increase the number of trains to reduce the time-gap on the above-mentioned track for ease of passengers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) Banihal-Baramulla section is presently being served by 15 pairs of train services in summer season and 14 pairs of train services in winter season. Also, a fortnightly children's special train named 'Vadi Ki Sair' has also been introduced w.e.f. 11.12.2016 on this section in collaboration with State Government. These available services are considered adequate for the present level of traffic. Introduction of trains is an ongoing process over Indian Railways and is done keeping in view the traffic demand, operational feasibility, resource availability, competing demands etc.