

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

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) With a view to providing world class services to travelling passengers, Indian Railways are examining various options, including private participation in passenger carrying trains.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Restarting of train service from Etah to Agra

†2337. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a superfast/fast passenger train was started from Etah district headquarter to Agra five years ago after movements/agitations by the people of Etah district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons that led to discontinuation of the said train after some days thereby ignoring the public interest;

(c) whether the superfast/fast passenger train connecting Etah district headquarters to Agra would be restarted keeping in view the public interest; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) 04191/04192 Agra Fort-Etah Fast Passenger Special (Daily) was started on experimental basis Ex-Agra Fort on 21.03.2016. However, due to poor occupancy, operation of this special train was discontinued w.e.f. 01.11.2017

(c) and (d) Owing to operational and resource constraints, at present, there is no proposal to operate any special or regular train service between Etah and Agra.

Subsidy on railway tickets

†2338. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of subsidy given to the passengers on railway tickets by Railways during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the percentage of fares collected by Railways from rail passengers and subsidy provided on each ticket; and

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