

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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PRIVATISATION OF LONG DISTANCE TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to hand over long distance train services to private sector in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the rail-route-wise details of such services and the names of the companies the said services are likely to be allotted;
- (c) whether Government has estimated the possible revenue generation through privatisation of railways, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Railways has made an assessment of the loss caused to railway employees due to privatisation of Railways, if so, the category-wise details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
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(a) & (b): About 5 crore dropped waiting list passengers were observed in 2019-20 due to lack of capacity. To meet this gap, Indian Railways is already increasing production of Vande Bharat, Tejas, LHB, Vistadome etc types of coaches in trains. In addition, Indian Railways has invited bids for private participation to induct 151 trains (rakes) over 12 clusters through Public Private Partnership (PPP). The existing passenger train services shall not be affected by the operation of train services through PPP mode and these will be in addition to the existing train services. The list containing details of these train services spread across the entire Indian Railway network had been uploaded on <http://www.indianrailways.gov.in/IndicativeRoutesfor12clusters.pdf>. The financial bids for all the 12 clusters for the PPP project have been opened on 23.07.2020. The Bids are under financial evaluation.

(c) & (d) There is no proposal for privatization of Indian Railways.
