

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1398**  
**ANSWERED ON 30.07.2021**

**CLONE TRAIN SCHEME**

1398 SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry had planned to have a 'Clone Train Scheme', running a clone train with the train of the same number for providing relief to the waitlisted passengers over heavy passenger traffic routes; and
- (b) if so, the present status of progress in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b) To contain spread of COVID-19 pandemic, Indian Railways have discontinued all regular passenger trains w.e.f 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020. Presently, only special trains, keeping in view the suggestions and concerns of the State Governments and health advisories issued, are being operated. Indian Railways is keeping a close watch on the occupancy and waitlist position of these special trains and is operating "Clone trains", on routes where traffic demand is high. As on 26.07.2021, 22 Clone trains are being operated.

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