

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 458
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2022

SUBURBAN RAILWAY SERVICES

458 SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether suburban railway passengers of Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai constitute half the daily passenger traffic of the Railways;
- (b) the number of daily trains and passengers per year on each suburban service vis-à-vis the other passenger trains;
- (c) the annual revenue obtained and expenditure made on suburban railways versus the rest of passenger services; and
- (d) whether Railways is aware of the extreme pressure on suburban rail services and the inhuman travelling conditions and the steps taken to improve traffic conditions?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 458 BY SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 09.12.2022 REGARDING SUBURBAN RAILWAY SERVICES.

(a) & (b) : The number of daily train services and number of passengers of Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai suburban service vis-à-vis other passenger trains services for the year 2021-22 are as under :

Railway	No. of Trains run daily on		Year 2021-22			
			No. of Passengers (in million) for the year		Total no. of passengers (in million)	No. of passengers of Suburban as a % of Total passengers
	Suburban	Other passenger services	Suburban	Other passenger services		
Mumbai	3075	624	1,260.40	169.86	1,430.26	88.1
Kolkata	665	429	714.35	155.30	869.65	82.1
Chennai	580	324	181.82	157.68	339.5	53.6

(c) : The annual revenue obtained and expenditure made on Suburban Railways versus rest of the passenger services for the year 2020-21 is as under :

Services	Suburban	Rest of passenger services
Revenue obtained	736.28	15,489.25
Expenditure	8,534.89	76,038.88

(d) : The suburban sections of Indian Railways witness large movement of passengers during peak rush hours in the morning and evening which results in increased demand for train services. To enhance the carrying capacity of the suburban services, Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, resource availability etc., increases the number of services/coaches as part of an ongoing process.
