

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 460
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2019**

NEW TRAINS BETWEEN JAMMU AND KATRA

†*460. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of passengers travelling between Jammu and Katra has been steadily increasing and if so, the details in this regard;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to run more new trains or DMUs keeping in view the said increase;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 460 BY SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2019 REGARDING NEW TRAINS BETWEEN JAMMU AND KATRA

(a): The demand pattern on Indian Railways is not uniform throughout the year and it varies across different sectors during the peak and lean season. The demand for travel surges especially during the peak season like during summer holidays, festivals etc. The approximate year-wise details of total number of passengers travelled on Jammu Tawi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Jammu Tawi sector during the Financial Year 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (upto June, 2019) is as under:-

Financial Year	Total number of passengers (in million)	Variation over corresponding period of last year (in %)
2017-18	1.73	-1.61%
2018-19	1.66	-3.98%
2019-20 (upto June)	0.52	0.81%

(b) to (d): At present, Jammu Tawi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra sector is being served by 18 pairs of Mail/Express train services on a end-to-end basis. In addition, the Jammu Tawi-Udhampur portion of the section is being served by 6 pairs of trains including 2 pairs of Diesel Multiple Units (DMU) services. Owing to operational and resource constraints, there is no proposal to introduce additional services on the Jammu Tawi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra sector, at present. However, introduction of trains including DMU trains is a continuous and an ongoing process on Indian Railways and is done keeping in view the traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability etc.