GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 787
ANSWERED ON 22.07.2022

RISE IN THE NUMBER OF WAITLISTED TICKETS DURING FESTIVE AND NORMAL SEASONS

787 # SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an immense increase in the number of waitlisted tickets in the trains going to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during normal and festive seasons;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the passengers of waiting list enter the reserved coaches which leads to a terrible situation of crowding in sleeper class; and

(c) whether Government proposes to start more trains in view of the large number of passengers of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 787 BY SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 22.07.2022 REGARDING RISE IN THE NUMBER OF WAITLISTED TICKETS DURING FESTIVE AND NORMAL SEASON**.**

(a): On Indian Railways, demand pattern of reserved accommodation is not uniform throughout the year and it varies over lean and peak periods. Moreover, trains running on popular and convenient timings with lesser stoppage and running time are generally well patronized and also experience waiting list almost throughout the year. However, other trains not having one or all these features are chosen by passengers for travel as a second alternative. However, State-wise data of waitlisted tickets is not maintained.

(b): Some instances of waiting list passengers travelling in reserved coaches do come to notice during the checks conducted by Indian Railways. To prevent unauthorised entry in trains, regular checks are conducted which are intensified during peak rush period/festival season.

(c): Indian Railways do not operate train services on State-wise basis, as Railway network straddles across State boundaries. However, to cater to the needs of passengers and generate additional accommodation for travelling passengers, Indian Railways introduces new services, extends services, increases their frequencies, augments load, which are ongoing processes, subject to operational feasibility, resource availability, competing demands etc. Further, to cater to the extra rush of passengers during festive seasons, vacations etc., operation of special trains and temporary augmentation of trains is also undertaken.

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