

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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PRIORITIZATION TO AC COACHES IN INDIAN RAILWAYS

1564. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is prioritizing to increase the number of AC coaches in place of other coaches and ignoring the fact that only a smaller share of people is able to afford AC coaches in the country and that this might lead to further overcrowding in general coaches;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of total number of other coaches replaced by AC coaches since 2022 and the cost associated with such displacement; and
- (d) whether it is also a fact that fully unreserved Jan Sadharan trains have been discontinued, if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) To cater to the needs of General Class passengers, the extant policy pertaining to the composition of Mail/Express services provide for 12 General & Sleeper non-AC coaches and 08 AC-Coaches in a train of 22 coaches, thereby providing for greater accommodation for passengers using General & Sleeper non-AC coaches. Moreover, the number of General & Sleeper (non-AC coaches) comprises about two-third of the total holding of coaches.

(d) No, Sir.
