

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1570**  
**ANSWERED ON 15.12.2023**

**REDUCTION OF SLEEPER AND GENERAL CLASS IN TRAINS**

**1570. SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been a reduction of General and Sleeper Class tickets in place of AC tickets in trains across the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the aggregate coach compositions of trains over the last five years, details of the share of sleeper berths compared to the AC berths;
- (c) whether there has been any increase/decrease in people opting for non-AC tickets in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) 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 (Air Conditioned) coaches and 08 AC-Coaches in a train of 22 coaches, thereby providing for greater accommodation for passengers using General & Sleeper non-AC coaches. Further, across Indian Railways, of the total number of coaches being utilized for running of trains, two-third are non-AC and one-third are AC. On Indian Railways, occupancy pattern of trains is not uniform throughout the year and varies over lean and peak periods.

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