

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 131  
ANSWERED ON 02.02.2024

**CONVERSION OF RAIL COACHES AND TRAINS**

131 SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of sleeper coaches converted into air-conditioned coaches in the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of the number of general coaches converted into air-conditioned coaches in the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) the details of the number of reserved sleeper coaches converted into unreserved coaches in the last five years, year-wise; and
- (d) the details of the number of passenger trains converted into express trains in the last five years, year-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) There is no provision for converting Sleeper and General Class Coaches into AC Coaches. Similarly, there is no provision for converting AC Coaches into non-AC Coaches. 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 the passengers using General & Sleeper non-AC coaches. Of the total number of coaches being utilized for running of trains, two-third are non-AC and one-third are AC. Additionally, Indian Railways have started operation of Amrit Bharat Express services which are fully non-AC trains providing high quality services to the passengers. During the period 2019-20 to 2023-24 (till 30th January), 421 passenger services have been converted into Express services.

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