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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1404
ANSWERED ON 02.08.2024**

DISCONTINUANCE OF WAITLISTED TICKETS IN RESERVED COACHES

1404# SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to discontinue waitlisted tickets purchased from the railway window in reserved coaches;
- (b) if so, whether Government also proposes to give some concession in the cancellation of waiting tickets, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether above mentioned steps are being taken by Government to address the issue of waitlisted tickets; and
- (d) the details of the number of passengers who travelled with waitlisted tickets during the last one year and the amount recovered through the action taken against them?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1404 BY SHRI NEERAJ DANGI ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 02.08.2024 REGARDING DISCONTINUANCE OF WAITLISTED TICKETS IN RESERVED COACHES

(a) to (d): On board ticket checking staff is authorised to allow passengers to board reserved coaches against available vacant accommodation, subject to production of minimum class ticket prescribed for that class and on realisation of difference of fare, if any. Regular and surprise checks are conducted against ticketless and irregular passengers.

Waiting list position of all the trains running on Indian Railways is monitored on regular basis and to cater to additional demand, load of existing trains are augmented, special trains are run, new trains are introduced, frequency of existing trains is increased etc. subject to operational feasibility.

Schemes like Alternate Train Accommodation Scheme known as VIKALP and Upgradation have also been introduced. In VIKALP confirmed accommodation in alternate train is provided to the eligible passengers who have opted for the same and in upgradation scheme waiting list passengers of lower class are provided confirmed accommodation in the higher class if there is a vacant accommodation in higher class and waiting list in lower class. Taking such steps is a continuous and an on-going process.
