

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 279**  
**ANSWERED ON 20.12.2024**

**REDUCTION IN TIME PERIOD FOR ADVANCE BOOKING OF RAILWAY  
TICKETS**

\*279 SHRI A. D. SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the time period for advance booking of railway tickets has been reduced from 120 days to 60 days;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this move will affect those people who make their programme well in advance to avoid rush; and
- (d) if so, whether Government will allow some percentage of the available tickets to be booked 120 days in advance to facilitate the people planning to travel in advance?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 279 BY SHRI A. D. SINGH ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 20.12.2024 REGARDING REDUCTION IN TIME PERIOD FOR ADVANCE BOOKING OF RAILWAY TICKETS**

(a) to (d) With effect from 01.11.2024, the Advance Reservation Period (ARP) for booking reserved tickets in most of the Mail/ Express trains has been reduced to 60 days excluding the date of journey. In certain day time Express trains like Taj Express, Gomti Express, etc. lower time limits for advance reservations was already in force. This change has been made keeping in view the booking trend and also to reduce the cancellations due to unforeseen events.

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