

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1409**  
**ANSWERED ON 06.12.2024**

**REDUCTION OF TIME IN ADVANCE RESERVATION**

1409 # SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of reduction in advance reservation period in the Indian Railways;
- (b) whether the new rule will improve ticket availability for genuine passengers and reduce instances of cancellation and no-shows; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) 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. No change has, however, been made in the ARP of 365 days for foreign tourists and also in case of certain day time Express trains like Taj Express, Gomti Express, etc, where lower time limits for advance reservations was 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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