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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 577
ANSWERED ON 29.11.2024**

RAIL TRAVEL WITH WAITING LIST TICKETS

577 # SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of passengers in the country over the last three years who had to travel with waitlisted tickets due to the unavailability of confirmed tickets, year-wise; and
- (b) the efforts being made by the railways, at present, for the convenience of waitlisted passengers?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b) A Statement is laid on the Table on the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 577 BY SHRI SANJAY SINGH ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 29.11.2024 REGARDING RAIL TRAVEL WITH WAITING LIST TICKETS

(a) As per extant rules, waitlisted passengers are not authorized to travel in reserved coaches of trains. The details of the waitlisted passengers who travelled in unreserved coaches or who were found travelling unauthorizedly in reserved coaches are not maintained.

(b) Waiting list position of all the trains running on Indian Railways is monitored on regular basis. In order to cater to additional demand, Indian Railways also operates Special train services during festivals, holidays etc. and augments the load of trains to generate additional accommodation for different segments of passengers, including that with Sleeper Class Coaches, both on permanent and temporary basis. Accordingly, during the year 2024, 13523 trips of special trains were operated to meet the extra rush of passengers during Holi and summer vacation. To cater to the rush during Durga Pooja/Dipawali/Chhath, 7983 trips of Special trains have also been notified during the period 1st October, 2024 to 30th November, 2024 to serve approximately 1.8 crore passengers. During the year 2023-24, 872 coaches have been utilized for augmentation of train services on a permanent basis while during the year 2024-25(till October, 2024), 664 coaches have been utilized for permanent augmentation.

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. 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 at the time of charting.
