

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 597
ANSWERED ON 29.11.2024

CASUALTIES DUE TO STAMPEDE AT STATIONS

597# SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of casualties and fatalities due to stampede that occurred owing to huge rush of passengers while boarding the train from Boriwali, Mumbai, at the time of Diwali in October 2024;
- (b) the details of incidents that occurred due to overcrowding in trains during the last three years; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that Railways is unable to provide seats during festive season as per the requirement?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 597 BY SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 29.11.2024 REGARDING CASUALTIES DUE TO STAMPEDE AT STATIONS

(a) to (c): No incident of casualties reported while boarding the train from Boriwali, Mumbai at the time of Diwali in Oct 2024.

Based on the data provided by GRP of States/UTs, 2 cases of stampede have been reported during the last three years i.e. 2021 to 2023.

On Indian Railways, the demand pattern of reserved accommodation is not uniform throughout the year and it varies over lean and peak periods. Moreover, trains running on popular and convenient timings with lesser stoppage and running time are generally well patronized. Waiting list position of all the trains running on Indian Railways is monitored on regular basis.

In its constant endeavour to provide additional accommodation to travelling passengers, Indian Railways(IR), in addition to the various types of regular trains, also operates Special train services during festivals, holidays, etc. to cater to the extra needs of passengers. Accordingly, during the year 2024, 13523 trips 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. IR also augments the load of trains, both on a permanent and temporary basis, to generate additional accommodation for different segments of passengers. During the 2023-24, 872 coaches and during the year 2024-25, 664 coaches have been utilized for augmentation of trains on permanent basis, till October, 2024.

Further, to provide greater accommodation for the passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper Coaches, the extant policy regarding composition of Mail/Express trains, provide for 12 (Twelve) General class & Sleeper class non- AC coaches and 08 (eight) AC-Coaches, in a train of 22 coaches. thereby providing greater accommodation for the passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper Coaches. With a view to augment the accommodation for passengers travelling in unreserved coaches, more than 600 General Class coaches have been attached, in the Mail/Express trains operating with LHB (Linke Hofmann Busch) coaches, during the current financial year. Of the total number of Coaches being presently utilized for running of train services, two-third are non-AC, and one-third are AC variants.

Additionally, Indian Railways have introduced Amrit Bharat services, which have modern State-of the Art technology are equipped with advanced features like Semi-Permanent couplers for jerk free travel, horizontal sliding windows, foldable snack table and bottle holders, mobile holders etc. These services, which are fully non-AC trains, presently comprising 12 Sleeper Class Coaches and 8 General Class coaches, are providing high quality services to the passengers.
