

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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CRITERION FOR PROVISION OF SLEEPER CLASS COACHES IN TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a criterion for the number of sleeper class coaches in trains, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of total sleeper coaches including all running trains, year-wise and zonewise since 2020;
- (c) whether it is a fact that sleeper class coaches have been reduced in trains;
- (d) whether Government plans to increase the number of sleeper coaches, particularly on migrant corridor routes;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (e) To provide greater accommodation for the passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper Coaches, the extant policy regarding composition of Mail/Express trains provides 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.

In addition to Mail/Express trains, Indian Railways also operate unreserved non-AC passenger trains / MEMU / EMU etc. for affordable travel.

Presently, there are about 79,000 coaches being utilized for running train services. The details are as under:

Class	No. of coaches
General and Non-AC Sleeper	~56,000(70% of total)
AC coaches	~23,000
Total	~79,000

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Indian Railways have also introduced modern State-of the Art fully Non AC Amrit Bharat trains. These trains have advanced features like Semi-Permanent couplers for jerk free travel, horizontal sliding windows, foldable snack table and bottle holders, mobile holders etc. These trains comprise of 12 Sleeper Class Coaches and 8 General Class coaches.

To generate additional accommodation for different segments of passengers, additional coaches are also added to existing trains on a permanent and temporary basis. Details of additional coaches attached on a permanent basis during the last two years are as under:

Year	Additional coaches attached
2023-24	872
2024-25 (Till February, 25)	983

With a view to augment the accommodation and for the benefit of passengers travelling in unreserved coaches, about 1,200 General Class coaches have been attached in the Mail/Express trains operating with LHB coaches during the current financial year 2024-25. Keeping in view increased demand of the passengers travelling by Non-AC coaches, IR has planned to manufacture 17,000 General Class /Sleeper Class Coaches.
