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**IMPROVEMENT IN RAILWAY COACHES AND AMRIT BHARAT TRAINS**

2339 # SHRI BABURAM NISHAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts being made by the Railways to improve the conditions of coaches for the general public to travel;
- (b) the objectives of Amrit Bharat trains and the achievements made, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has prepared any plan to manufacture new generation Amrit Bharat trains in the country in the next two years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the features of new generation Amrit Bharat trains?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
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(a) to (d) Indian Railways constantly endeavours to cater to the travelling needs of all section of society by providing various types of coaches, which includes both Non-AC and AC coaches.

Railways have significantly increased the facilities for passengers demanding general class travel. During the last financial year 2024-25 alone, 1250 general coaches have been utilised in various long-distance trains.

The percentage of non-AC coaches has significantly increased to about 70% as detailed below:

**Table 1: Distribution of coaches:**

Non-AC coaches (general and sleeper)	~57,200	~70%
AC coaches	~25,000	~30%
Total coaches	~82,200	100%

Due to higher availability of general coaches, the number of passengers traveling in general/unreserved coaches has shown an increasing trend as shown below:

**Table 2: Passengers in general/unreserved coaches:**

Year	No. of Passengers
2020-21	99 Cr (Covid year)
2021-22	275 Cr (Covid year)
2022-23	553 Cr
2023-24	609 Cr
2024-25	651 Cr

The number of seats available for non-AC passengers has also increased over the years. The current composition is as follows:

**Table 3: Distribution of seats:**

Non-AC seats	~ 54 lakhs	~ 78%
AC seats	~ 15 lakhs	~ 22%
Total	~ 69 lakhs	100%

Over and above the current high share of non-AC coaches (~70% of total coaches), Railways is executing a special manufacturing programme for 17,000 non-AC general/sleeper coaches over the next 5 years.

Indian Railways (IR) has introduced fully non-AC Amrit Bharat trains, presently comprising 11 General Class coaches, 8 Sleeper Class coaches, 1 Pantry car and 02 Second class Luggage cum Divyangjan Coach. These trains have been designed and manufactured to cater to the needs of general public by providing World-class modern and

comfortable rail travel experience to passengers of Non-AC segment. IR has provisioned for production of 100 Amrit Bharat Trains.

High Speed and enhanced Safety standards are the hallmarks of these trains with following enhanced features and amenities:

- i. Better aesthetics of seat and berths with enhanced look & feel on the lines of Vande Bharat Sleeper.
- ii. Jerk Free Semi-Automatic Couplers.
- iii. Improved Crashworthiness in coaches by provision of crash tube.
- iv. Provision of CCTV system in all coaches and Luggage room.
- v. Improved designs of toilets.
- vi. Improved design of Ladder for ease of climbing on to the berth.
- vii. Improved LED Light fitting & Charging Sockets.
- viii. Provision of EP assisted braking system.
- ix. Aerosol based fire suppression system in toilets and electrical cubicles.
- x. USB Type-A and Type-C mobile charging sockets.
- xi. Emergency Talk Back system for two-way communication between Passenger and Guard/Train Manager.
- xii. Non-AC pantry with enhanced heating capacity.
- xiii. Fully sealed gangways with quick release mechanism for easy attachment and detachment.

Cleanliness is an ongoing process and Indian Railways make continuous efforts to keep trains well maintained and clean. Regular actions taken to ensure and improve the condition of coaches including maintenance and cleaning are as follows:

- i. Maintenance of coaches is carried at Coaching Depots/Terminals in line with laid-out detailed guidelines and prescribed standards. All the trains are also properly cleaned, watered during these activities.
- ii. To facilitate the upkeep of the coaches during run On Board Housekeeping Service (OBHS) and Clean Train Stations (CTS) services are also provided for en-route attention.
- iii. These are regularly monitored through nominated officials in Division/Depots & Workshop across Zonal Railways.