

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.104  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.11.2016**

**SURGE IN RAIL COMMUTERS**

**\*104. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:  
SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the demand outstrips the supply of confirmed rail tickets especially in the long distance trains and if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, zone-wise;**
- (b) whether the demand of tickets in the long distance trains is gradually increasing and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether host of passengers fail to travel by train on day-to-day basis due to non-availability of confirmed tickets; and**
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to accommodate the increasing number of rail commuters especially in the long distance trains in the country?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.104 BY SHRI GEORGE BAKER AND SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.11.2016 REGARDING SURGE IN RAIL COMMUTERS.**

**(a) to (c): On Indian Railways, demand pattern varies during peak and lean periods. During peak periods, the demand outstrips the availability. During this period, reserved accommodation especially in the trains running on popular routes particularly in upper class gets exhausted within short duration of opening of reservation. However, during lean periods and on non popular routes, confirmed accommodation is available for longer duration in most of the trains. The daily average number of reserved passengers booked and those who remained on waiting list after preparation of reservation chart during the last three financial years in all the trains running on Indian Railways were as under:-**

**(figures in lakh)**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Daily average number of reserved passengers booked but not cancelled</b>	<b>Daily average number of passengers who remained on waiting list after preparation of reservation charts</b>
<b>2013-14</b>	<b>12.94</b>	<b>1.25</b>
<b>2014-15</b>	<b>13.40</b>	<b>1.23</b>
<b>2015-16</b>	<b>13.63</b>	<b>1.16</b>
<b>2016-17 (upto October)</b>	<b>14.38</b>	<b>1.16</b>

**(d): To cater to the growing needs of the travelling passengers and to**

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**serve them better, Indian Railways enhances availability of services and berths/coaches which is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability, availability of resources etc. During the year 2016-17 (till October), 37 new trains have been introduced, run of 27 trains has been extended and frequency of 4 trains has been increased.**

**Indian Railways also facilitates the passengers by augmenting the load of popular train services by attaching extra coaches on permanent basis and thereby generating extra carrying capacity. During financial year 2016-17 (upto October), 483 coaches have been augmented which generated an additional capacity of 35827 berths/seats per trip.**

**In addition to this, during peak seasons like summer vacations, winter vacations, festivals including Holi, Pooja, Dussehra, Diwali, Chhath, etc. special trains are operated by Indian Railways to clear the extra rush of passengers. During the financial year 2016-17 (till October 2016), 23057 special train trips were run and 60895 coaches were attached on temporary basis.**

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