

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2544
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.01.2018**

INTRODUCTION OF AADHAAR IN RAILWAYS

**2544. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:
SHRI JANAK RAM:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways is planning to introduce Aadhaar system in the railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which this system will come into force;

(d) whether the Government proposes to link railway pass facility with Aadhaar and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of all the categories of the Government employees eligible for railway pass and their number in each category?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (c): At present, there is no proposal to make Aadhaar number compulsory for booking tickets for rail journey. However, w.e.f. 01.01.2017 requirement of Aadhaar verification for booking concessional Railway tickets for senior citizen has been introduced on voluntary basis.

Further, in order to incentivise the passengers for linking their Aadhaar ID and mobile number for booking of tickets, the present ceiling of number of tickets to be booked by individual users every month on the website of Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation(IRCTC) has been revised to 12 tickets for those individual users whose accounts are verified through Aadhaar ID subject to condition that one of the passengers in the ticket to be booked is verifiable through Aadhaar. A reward scheme has also been introduced by IRCTC to incentivize linking of Aadhaar with user ID of IRCTC.

(d) At present, there is no such proposal.

(e) Gazetted Officers are given six(6) sets of privilege passes in a year and the non-gazetted railway employees are given one(01) set of privilege pass upto the end of fifth year of railway service and thereafter three(3) sets in a year. Employees of non-railway departments appointed on deputation to posts on Indian Railways and officers and staff of Railway Audit Department are also provided privilege passes at par with the Railway employees of equal status.

As on 31.03.2016, there were 16,700 Group 'A'&'B' employees and 13,12,100 Group 'C'&'D' employees on Indian Railways.
