

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2701  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.01.2018**

**PROVISION OF DE-RESERVED COACHES**

**2701. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:**

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

- (a) whether the general unreserved railway coaches provided in the trains are not sufficient for the general ticket holders and season ticket holders and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide more de-reserved coaches in the trains for a specified distance from the starting point and to the terminal point and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the difficulties of daily passengers/season ticket holders due to the lack of de-reserved compartments in the trains;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the railways proposes to conduct a study and if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government has received request for sanctioning de-reserved compartments in Kollam-Chennai-Egmore-Ananthapure Express from Kollam to Thiruvananthapuram and *vice versa*; and**
- (f) if so, the details of the action taken thereon?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) & (b): To cater to the needs of passengers of un-reserved segment, the following endeavors have been made by the Indian Railways:-**

- (i) As a matter of policy, it has been decided that all the Mail/Express trains (except fully reserved trains like**

**Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto, etc.) introduced after 2007-08, shall have at least 6 general class coaches in their standard composition as per feasibility.**

- (ii) Operation of fully unreserved services like Jan Sadharan, Janseva, Jan Nayak Express etc. to facilitate un-reserved segment of passengers. In the Railway Budget 2016-17, it has been further announced to introduce Antyodaya Express, which are long-distance, fully unreserved, superfast train services. Accordingly, of the 11 pairs of Antyodaya trains decided to be introduced during the year 2016-17 and 2017-18, four (4) pairs of Antyodaya Express have already been introduced till date.**
- (iii) In pursuance of the announcements made in the Railway Budget 2016-17, regarding attachment of two to four Deen Dayalu coaches in some long distance trains for unreserved travel to enhance our carrying capacity for the masses, Indian Railways have inducted 321 Deen Dayalu coaches (General Class coaches) in 53 pairs of trains during the year 2016-17. Similarly, during the year 2017-18, 76 Deen Dayalu coaches are being utilized.**

**In addition to the above, during 2017-18 (till November, 2017) Indian Railways have also utilized about 137 General Class coaches for permanent augmentation of the loads of existing trains (which includes both Passenger and Express train services).**

**Moreover, based on demand pattern, low occupancy of Sleeper class coaches, such coaches are also de-reserved between nominated sections during day time as Sleeper class de-reserved coaches.**

**(c) & (d): Passenger census is conducted by zonal Railways periodically to evaluate the traffic pattern and occupation of the trains including General compartments meant for general passengers, daily commuters and season ticket holders.**

**(e): Yes, Madam. A demand has been received from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament in this regard.**

**(f): Two coaches number S-11 & S-12 were already de-reserved between Tenkasi-Kollam in train No. 16723 Chennai Egmore- Kollam Junction Anantapuri Express. Further, in train No. 16724 Kollam Junction-Chennai Egmore Anantapuri Express, coach No. S-12 has been de-reserved between Kollam and Nagercoil w.e.f. 30.12.2017.**

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