

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3059  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2018**

**OVERCROWDING IN TRAINS**

**3059. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI**

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

- (a) the details of steps that are being taken to address the issue of overcrowding in trains;**
- (b) whether the Government is planning to increase the ticket rates to improve the financial situation of the Railways; and**
- (c) if so, the details of the same?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) With a view to provide more accommodation to travelling passengers, Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources, augments the load of existing services, which is an on-going process.**

**Moreover, Indian Railways, as a matter of policy, have already 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. Besides, to cater to the travelling needs of General Class passengers, Indian Railways operate fully unreserved services like Jan Sadharan, Janseva, Jan Nayak Express**

**and also operate Passenger trains and Intercity services for short distance travel. With this end in view, Indian Railways in the Railway Budget 2016-17, have announced to introduce the Antyodaya Express, a long-distance, fully unreserved, superfast train service, and also to add two to four Deen Dayalu coaches in some long distance trains for unreserved travel to enhance the carrying capacity for the unreserved class passengers. 4 pairs of Antyodaya trains have already been introduced so far.**

**Accordingly, 491 coaches including 149 General class coaches have been attached on permanent basis during the year 2017-18 up to January 2018, in existing trains.**

**Further, to clear extra rush of passengers during festive season, vacations, religious congregations (like Kumbh, Ardh Kumbh, Sabrimala, Urs, etc.), Melas, etc., Indian Railways to the extent feasible and justified, not only operate special trains but also augments the loads of existing trains to create extra accommodation for travelling passengers. With this end in view, Indian Railways operated 31,452 trips of special trains and utilized 86,220 coach trips, during the year 2017-18 (up to January 2018), which is also an on-going process on Indian Railways.**

**(b) There is no proposal in process currently.**

**(c) Does not arise.**

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