

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2448
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.12.2018**

VIP QUOTA RESERVATION

2448. ADV. SHARADKUMAR MARUTI BANSODE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways proposes to provide VIP quota for reservation in trains;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether repeated requests for VIP quota reservation are not entertained at all; and**
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2448 BY ADV. SHARADKUMAR MARUTI BANSODE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.12.2018 REGARDING VIP QUOTA RESERVATION

(a) to (d): In order to meet the urgent travel requirements of High Official Requisition (HOR) holders, which includes Central Government Ministers, Judges of Hon'ble Supreme Court/High Courts of various States, Members of Parliament and other emergent demands, who are on the waiting list, a limited number of berths have been earmarked as Emergency Quota in different trains and in different classes. The quota is released by the Railways in accordance with the priority as per warrant of precedence and well established practice being followed since long. At the time of allotment of berths/seats, emergency quota is first allotted for self travel of HOR holders/Members of Parliament, etc., strictly as per their inter-se seniority in warrant of precedence. Thereafter, other requisitions received from various quarters including that from Members of Parliament are considered and the remaining quota is released taking into account various factors like status of passengers travelling, nature of urgency like travelling on government duty, bereavement in the family, sickness, job interview, etc. While the requests received from HOR holders for their self travel are complied with, in case of requests forwarded by them for other than self travel, at times, it is not feasible to accommodate all such requests when the demand exceeds the availability.
