

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3677
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019**

AVAILABILITY OF RESERVED BERTHS

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SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the decisions taken by the Government to ensure the availability of reserved berths for the waitlist passengers along with the outcome thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any survey to ascertain the percentage of reserved berths provided to the waitlist passengers during the last three years and if so, the outcome thereof;**
- (c) whether any scheme is being prepared to issue minimum number of waitlist tickets to passengers; and**
- (d) if so, the manner in which the said scheme is likely to function?**

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. 3677 BY SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI, SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI, SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA AND SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.01.2019 REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF RESERVED BERTHS

(a) to (d): In the computerised Passenger Reservation System (PRS), confirmed berths/seats are allotted on first come first served basis till the availability and thereafter Reservation Against Cancellation (RAC)/Waiting List tickets are issued. The status of RAC/Waiting List tickets get automatically updated against the cancellation of confirmed berths/seats and also against release of unutilised reservation quotas.

The details of approximate number of waiting list passengers whose status got upgraded to RAC/Confirmed from the financial year 2015-16 onwards are as under:

Financial Year	Number of waiting list passengers whose status got upgraded to RAC / confirmed (in millions)	Percentage of waiting list passengers whose status got upgraded to RAC/confirmed
2015-16	73.69	71.15
2016-17	70.98	71.90
2017-18	70.22	71.19
2018-19 (upto November)	51.29	71.18

Waiting list of trains is monitored on regular basis and to cater to additional rush during peak periods special trains are run and load of existing trains are augmented subject to operational feasibility.

Further, with a view to providing confirmed accommodation to waiting list passengers and to ensure optimal utilisation of available accommodation, a scheme known as Alternate Train Accommodation (ATAS) known as “VIKALP” has been introduced to cover all types of trains on all sectors. The scheme aims at reducing waitlisted passengers by providing alternate train accommodation in train having vacant accommodation. For this facility, waiting list passenger has to give an option at the time of booking of ticket & passengers with waiting list status at the time of preparation of first reservation charts are shifted to other trains, subject to availability of vacant accommodation.
