

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1718
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2019**

SEATS UNDER TATKAL SCHEME

†1718. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase/decrease the number of seats in all trains under Tatkal scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is working on any plan in which people can travel without ticket being confirmed under Tatkal quota so that they attend their important work or reach their home on time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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. 1718 BY SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.02.2019 REGARDING SEATS UNDER TATKAL QUOTA

(a) & (b): No, Madam. Zonal Railways are already delegated with powers to earmark Tatkal Quota in different classes keeping in view the utilization pattern in that class during the previous financial year. The quota so earmarked is reviewed on periodical basis. At present, Tatkal quota has been fixed as 5 to 30% of the capacity of the coach, to be rounded off to next higher number.

(c) & (d): No, Madam. There is currently no such plan wherein people can travel without ticket being confirmed under Tatkal quota. However, with a view to meet the additional demand of passengers (including Tatkal ticket holders), Railways take various measures from time to time some of which are listed below:-

- i. Waiting list position of trains is monitored on regular basis and wherever feasible as well as required, load of the trains is augmented, special trains are run, new trains are introduced subject to operational feasibility, commercial justification, etc.**
- ii. Further, with a view to provide 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. 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.**

Taking such measures to facilitate passengers in getting confirmed reserved accommodation is a continuous and ongoing measure.