

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1314
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022**

SEAT AVAILABILITY IN RAILWAYS

†1314. SHRI ARJUN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is going to make any plans relating to confirmed availability of passenger seat for the convenience of railway passengers;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1314 BY SHRI ARJUN SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.12.2022 REGARDING SEAT AVAILABILITY IN RAILWAYS

(a) & (b) On Indian Railways, demand pattern of reserved accommodation is not uniform throughout the year and it varies over lean and peak periods. Moreover, trains running on popular routes and with convenient timings are generally well patronized. However, other trains not having one or all these features are chosen by passengers for travel only as a second alternative and may not be fully patronized.

Waiting list position of trains is monitored on regular basis and to cater to additional demand, load of existing trains are augmented, special trains are run, new trains are introduced, frequency of existing trains is increased etc. subject to operational feasibility. Schemes like Alternate Train Accommodation Scheme known as VIKALP and Upgradation have also been introduced. In VIKALP confirmed accommodation in alternate train is provided to the eligible passengers who have opted for the same and in upgradation scheme waiting list passengers of lower class are provided confirmed accommodation in the higher class if there is a vacant accommodation in higher class and waiting list in lower class.

Taking such steps is a continuous and an on-going process.

(c) Does not arise.
