

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3249
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023**

UNRESERVED COACHES OF TRAINS

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SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):

SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:

SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is making any efforts to provide basic amenities and better services to the passengers travelling in the unreserved coaches of trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the passenger capacity of the unreserved general coaches in India and the total number of passengers on an average who travelled in these unreserved coaches;

(d) whether the Government is planning to deal with the issue of overcrowded unreserved general coaches, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has made any special general unreserved coaches for women;

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(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether the Government is considering to introduce advanced types of unreserved coaches for better passenger experience, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(h) whether the Government is attaching coaches in long distance trains for the passengers travelling in unreserved class under Deen Dayalu Scheme; and

(i) if so, the details of coaches attached for passengers travelling in unreserved class during each of the last three years?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
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(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (i) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3249 BY SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY, DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI, DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY, SHRI ANURAG SHARMA, SHRI BHOLA SINGH, SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR, SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA, SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK, SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO, DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR, SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA), SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI AND SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2023 REGARDING UNRESERVED COACHES OF TRAINS

(a) & (b) It is a continuous endeavour of Indian Railways (IR) to facilitate comfortable journey to all passengers. Non AC LHB coaches with better comfort and amenities are being manufactured.

At present, all reserved/unreserved coaches are equipped with all required amenities which include comfortable seat, toilets, wash basin, longitudinal luggage racks, hook, fan, Mobile charging points etc.

(c) The normal per coach passenger capacity of unreserved LHB & ICF general coach is 100 and 90 respectively.

The total number of passengers carried in unreserved coaches during last two years is as below:

Year	Approximate No. of passengers carried in unreserved coaches (non suburban) (in millions)
2021-22	579.6
2022-23	1740.3

(d), (h) & (i) On IR, demand pattern of reserved accommodation is not uniform throughout the year and varies over lean and peak periods.

IR constantly monitors the wait list position of trains and demand. To deal with peak demand and rush in trains, IR endeavours to provide additional accommodation & enhance the carrying capacity by augmenting the trains both on temporary and permanent basis, extend

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and increase the frequency of existing services, operate special train service & introduce new trains, subject to operational feasibility and availability of resources.

The total non AC coaches (General & Sleeper) are about two-third of total holding of coaches. The details are as under:

Non-AC Coaches (General & Sleeper)	41917
AC Coach	20287
Total=	62204

Temporary and permanent augmentation of coaches made during the last three years are as under:

Temporary augmentation:-

Year	Coach trips
2020-21	26912
2021-22	48294
2022-23	115738

Permanent augmentation:-

Year	Coach
2020-21	263
2021-22	439
2022-23	1447

(e) & (f) A portion of Guard Van (LSLRD/SLRD/SLR) of the train is earmarked for ladies in mail/express/passenger trains.

(g) Improvement in coach design is a continuous process to improve safety and passenger comfort.
