

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1603
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2019**

DE-RESERVED COACHES

1603. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the initiatives taken by the Government for providing journey facilities to the daily short distance commuters using season tickets in sleeper coaches of long distance trains from the starting point and to the terminal stations;

(b) the action taken by the Government to implement the assurance given by the Hon'ble Minister to provide de-reserved compartments in 13 trains in Kerala;

(c) the action taken by various regional Railways on the recommendation given by Southern Railway for providing de-reserved compartments in 13 trains;

(d) whether it comes to the notice of the Government that Divisional Railway Thiruvananthapuram is not providing the de-reserved facility in train no. 16346 by reducing the number of coaches; and

(e) if so, the action taken for providing sufficient number of coaches so as to use the sanctioned de-reserved facility?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1603 BY SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2019 REGARDING DE-RESERVED COACHES

(a): The powers have been delegated to General Managers of Zonal Railways to declare requisite number of sleeper class coaches as second class unreserved coaches on a particular section where sleeper class coaches are running empty or in locked condition due to insufficient demand.

(b) & (c): Proposal was sent from Southern Railway to other Railways for de-reservation facility of Sleeper class in 13 trains, out of which this facility has so far been provided in the following 8 trains.

The details of the list of incoming trains originating from other Railways along with the status of implementation of de-reservation are mentioned below:

S.No.	Train no.	Section	Coach nos.	Date of implementation
1	16526 Bengaluru-Kanyakumari Exp.	Ernakulam-Kanyakumari	S10, S11	16.12.2018
2	16381 Mumbai-Kanyakumari Exp.	Ernakulam-Kanyakumari	S9, S10	21.01.2019
3	17230 Hyderabad-Thiruvananthapuram Exp.	Kottayam-Thiruvananthapuram	S12, S13	15.12.2018
4	12218 Chandigarh-Kochuveli Exp	Shoranur-Kochuveli	S8, S9	22.03.2019
5	12618 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Ernakulam Exp.	Shoranur-Ernakulam	S10, S11	22.03.2019
6	22656 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Thiruvananthapuram Exp.	Ernakulam-Thiruvananthapuram	S7, S8	22.03.2019
7	22654 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Thiruvananthapuram Exp.	Ernakulam-Thiruvananthapuram	S7, S8	25.03.2019
8	22647 Korba-Thiruvananthapuram Exp.	Ernakulam-Thiruvananthapuram	S8, S9	09.11.2019

(d)&(e): Due to introduction of LHB rakes, Train no. 16346 Thiruvananthapuram-Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Express is running with revised composition with effect from 01.10.2019, due to which there is reduction of Sleeper class coaches from 12 to 10. Consequent to this reduction of sleeper class coaches, S12 coach has been withdrawn and the de-reservation facility which was available in this coach between Thiruvananthapuram and Ernakulam had to be temporarily withdrawn. However, from the advance reservation period w.e.f. 15.02.2020, this de-reservation facility has been restored in S10 coach.
