Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to fulfil the increasing need of the rail passengers, the Railways has increased the number of reserved seats in trains having destination to Gujarat, Bihar and West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): State-wise details of reserved accommodation are not maintained. However, during financial year 2018-19, total end to end reserved accommodation defined in the computerised Passenger Reservation System (PRS) of Indian Railways for all trains including those serving the states of Gujarat, Bihar and West Bengal was approximately 48.87 crore. This is 1.45 crore more than the accommodation in 2017-18 which was approximately 47.42 crore. Providing additional reserved accommodation to cater to the requirement of increasing passenger traffic on Indian Railways is a continuous and ongoing process based on demand pattern, technical feasibility and availability of resources.

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