

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1406
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

OVERCROWDING IN GENERAL/SLEEPER BOGEYS

**1406 SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:
SHRI MURARI LAL MEENA:
SHRI TANUJ PUNIA:
SHRI HIBI EDEN:
SHRI SURESH KUMAR SHETKAR:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the data of passengers traffic in Indian trains since 2019;**
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to tackle the problem of overcrowding in passenger trains during the peak and festive seasons;**
- (c) whether the Government has downsized the number of low cost passenger trains and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to add new coaches in passengers trains in order to tackle the problem of overcrowding;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof;**
- (f) whether the Government is aware of the overcrowding in general and sleeper bogeys due to a reduction in non-AC compartments; and**
- (g) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1406 BY SHRI ASADUDDIN OWASI, SHRI MURARI LAL MEENA, SHRI TANUJ PUNIA, SHRI HIBI EDEN, SHRI SURESH KUMAR SHETKAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2024 REGARDING OVERCROWDING IN GENERAL/SLEEPER BOGEYS

(a) to (g) The passenger traffic greatly varied from the year 2019 to 2024 due to COVID-19 pandemic. However, Indian Railways (IR), operates various types of regular time-tabled trains e.g. suburban, short distance passenger trains, long distance/Mail Express/ superfast trains with different composition catering to different segments of passengers. The extant policy regarding composition of Mail/Express trains, provide for 12 (Twelve) General class & Sleeper class non- AC coaches and 08 (eight) AC-Coaches, in a train of 22 coaches, thereby providing greater accommodation for passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper Coaches. Of the total number of Coaches being presently utilized for running of train services, two-third are non-AC, and one-third are AC variants. Additionally, Indian Railways have also started operating Amrit Bharat services which are fully non-AC trains providing high quality services to the passengers.

Besides, IR constantly endeavours to provide additional accommodation to travelling passengers by operating Special train services during festivals, holidays, etc. During 2023, 527 Holi Specials, 6369 Summer Specials and 4480 Chhatt/Diwali Specials were operated. Further, loads of trains are also augmented, both on permanent and temporary basis, to cater to additional demand. These are on-going processes on Indian Railways. Furthermore, keeping in view increased demand, IR has planned to manufacture 10,000 non-AC Coaches including General Class and Sleeper Class Coaches.
