

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 357
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

OVERCROWDING IN PASSENGER TRAINS

**357. SHRI K RADHAKRISHNAN
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SHRI PRAKASHBAPU PATIL
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SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) year-wise details of passenger traffic data in Indian trains since 2019 ;**
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to address the persistent problem of overcrowding in passenger trains ;**
- (c) whether the Government reduced the number of lower-cost passenger trains or their capacity;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) whether the Government is planning to add new coaches in passenger trains to overcome the issue of overcrowding, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(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. 357 BY SHRI K RADHAKRISHNAN, SHRI VISHALDADA, SHRI PRAKASHBAPU PATIL, SHRI ANTO ANTONY, SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING OVERCROWDING IN PASSENGER TRAINS

(a) to (e) 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 composition 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. and by augmenting the load of trains, both on permanent and temporary basis, to cater to additional demand. These are on-going processes on Indian Railways. Keeping in view increased demand, IR has planned to manufacture 10,000 non-AC Coaches including General Class and Sleeper Class Coaches.
