

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1576  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024**

**FULL FARE FOR RAC TICKET**

**1576. MD. ABU TAHER KHAN:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the passengers pay a full fare for RAC tickets; and**
- (b) if so, the steps taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) & (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1576 BY MD. ABU TAHER KHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.12.2024 REGARDING FULL FARE FOR RAC TICKET**

**(a) & (b) The concept of Reservation Against Cancellation (RAC) was introduced to take care of accommodation becoming vacant on account of cancellation of confirmed berths and in train on account of non-turning of passengers allotted confirmed accommodation. Full fare is charged from RAC, however, those RAC passengers who do not want to undertake journey on RAC ticket can also cancel their tickets and take refund as per applicable rules.**

**Demand pattern of all the trains running on Indian Railways is monitored on regular basis. In order to cater to additional demand, Indian Railways also operates special train services during festivals, holidays etc. and augments the load of trains to generate additional accommodation for different segments of passengers, both on permanent and temporary basis. Accordingly, during the year 2024, 13523 trips of special trains were operated to meet the extra rush of passengers during Holi and summer vacation. To cater to the rush during Durga Pooja/Dipawali/Chhath, 7983 trips of Special trains have also been notified during the period 1st October, 2024 to 30th November, 2024 to serve approximately 1.8 crore passengers. During the year 2023-24, 872 coaches have been utilized for augmentation of train services on a permanent basis while during the year 2024-25(till October, 2024), 664 coaches have been utilized for permanent augmentation.**

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