

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3695  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024**

**NUMBER OF GENERAL AND AC COMPARTMENTS ADDED TO NEW TRAINS**

**3695. SHRI SUDAMA PRASAD:**

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

- (a) the existing seats to actual number of passenger ratio for the number of people who travelled in General coaches (of both express and passenger trains) during the last ten years for various zones, year-wise;**
- (b) the same data for those travelling in AC coaches;**
- (c) the number of general compartments available in trains during the last ten years, zone-wise; and**
- (d) the number of new general compartments and AC compartments added to new trains during the last five years, zone-wise?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (d): The demand pattern and number of seats/accommodation for passenger traffic on Indian Railways is not uniform. In addition to the regular time tabled train services, Indian Railways also operates special trains and attaches additional coaches on temporary basis to clear extra rush during festival/peak demand period. The number of class-wise accommodation thus varies in accordance with the pattern of augmentation of such temporary coaches and the number of trips of such special trains operated during a year. However, on Indian Railways, from 2013-14 to 2023-24, total approximately 709.5 crore and 6863 crore passengers travelled in reserved and unreserved classes respectively across all classes.**

**Composition of train services depends on operational feasibility, traffic justification etc. and accordingly changes from time to time. Indian Railways constantly endeavours to cater to the demand of all class of passengers including general class passengers. 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. Extant policy regarding composition of Mail/Express trains also provides for 12 (Twelve) General class & Sleeper class non- AC coaches and 08 (eight) AC-Coaches, in a train of 22 coaches. This provides greater accommodation to the passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper Coaches.**

**With a view to augment the accommodation and for the benefit of passengers travelling in unreserved coaches, more than 900 General Class coaches have been attached in the Mail/Express trains operating with LHB coaches during the current financial year (Upto November 2024). Keeping in view increased demand, Indian Railways has planned to manufacture 10,000 non-AC Coaches including General Class and Sleeper Class Coaches. During the financial year 2019-20 to 2024-25 (upto October 2024), approximately 5200 coaches of different classes were augmented in different services, of which 1100 were General class coaches.**

**Additionally, Indian Railways have introduced Amrit Bharat services, which are equipped with modern features and passenger amenities like Semi-Permanent couplers for jerk free travel, horizontal sliding windows, foldable snack table and bottle holders, mobile holders etc. These services, which are fully non-AC trains, presently comprising 12 Sleeper Class Coaches and 8 General Class coaches, are providing high quality services to the passengers.**

**To cater to the rush during Durga Puja/Dipawali/Chhath, 7990 trips of Special trains have also been operated during the period 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 to serve approximately 1.8 crore passengers.**

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