GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 401 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024

UNRESERVED COMPARTMENTS IN TRAINS

401 DR. DHARAMVIRA GANDHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of trains having unreserved compartments attached to a train on an average;
- (b) whether the Government has reduced the number of unreserved bogies attached to trains from the year 2014 onwards;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has any plans to further discontinue the unreserved compartments?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 401 BY DR. DHARAMVIRA GANDHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2024 REGARDING UNRESERVED COMPARTMENTS IN TRAINS

(a) to (c) 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 compositions 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 the passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper Coaches. During the current financial year, more than 600 General Class coaches have been attached, in the Mail/Express trains operating with LHB (Linke Hofmann Busch) coaches, which will augment the capacity for passengers travelling in unreserved coaches. Further, 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.

Furthermore, IR have introduced Amrit Bharat services, which have modern State-of the Art technology and are equipped with advanced features 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. Keeping in view increased demand, IR has planned to manufacture 10,000 non-AC Coaches including General Class and Sleeper Class Coaches.

(d) No, Sir.
