

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5261  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025**

**RESUMPTION OF TRAIN SERVICES DISCONTINUED DURING CORONA**

**†5261. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH CHOUDHARY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to resume the train services discontinued during the Corona period;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether Government intend to add additional coaches in local trains for the convenience of passengers; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (d) With a view to provide better passenger safety by creating maintenance corridor blocks, speeding up of trains etc, rationalisation of Time-Table was done in a scientific manner with the assistance of IIT-Bombay, which included rationalization of train services.**

**Indian Railways in its consistent effort to augment its carrying capacity and generate additional accommodation for different segments of passengers, attaches coaches to the existing services both on**

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permanent and temporary basis. Accordingly, during the year 2023-24, 872 coaches, including 71 General class coaches, have been utilized for augmentation of train services on a permanent basis while during the year 2024-25(till February, 2025), 983 coaches, including 336 General Class coaches, have been utilized for permanent augmentation.

With a view to augment the accommodation and for the benefit of passengers travelling in unreserved coaches, about 1,200 General Class coaches have been attached/replaced in the Mail/Express trains operating with LHB coaches during the current financial year 2024-25. Keeping in view increased demand of the passengers travelling by Non-AC coaches, IR has planned to manufacture 17,000 General Class /Sleeper Class Coaches.

Presently, there are about 79,000 coaches being utilized for running train services. The details are as under:

<b>Class</b>	<b>No. of coaches</b>
<b>General and Non-AC Sleeper</b>	<b>~ 56,000 ( 70% of total)</b>
<b>AC coaches</b>	<b>~ 23,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>~ 79,000</b>

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