

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1712
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2025**

NUMBER OF PASSENGERS TRAVELLING BY RAILWAYS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of passengers travelled by Railways during the last seven years, year-wise;**
- (b) whether the present number of passengers travelling by Railways has decreased as compared to the pre-Corona period;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the details of the average number of trains operated by Indian Railways across the country everyday during the year 2019 and the year 2024 along with the average number of coaches of different classes in the said trains per day?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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(a) to (d): During the last 7 years (2018-19 to 2024-25), total 4,193 Cr. passengers travelled in Indian Railways. In Financial year 2020-21 and

2021-22 there was a drop in number of passengers due to COVID pandemic. Subsequently, it picked up.

Average no. of passenger trains per day for the year 2019-20 and 2024-25 is as under:

Table 1: Number of trains run daily:

Year	Average no. of passenger trains run daily
2019-20	13,169
2024-25	13,940

To provide greater accommodation for the passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper Coaches, the extant policy regarding composition of Mail/Express trains provides 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.

Indian Railways (IR) have significantly increased the facilities for passengers demanding general class travel. During the last financial year 2024-25 alone, 1250 general coaches have been utilised in various long-distance trains.

On IR, the percentage of non-AC coaches, is about 70% as indicated below:

Table 2: Distribution of coaches:

Coach type	No. of Coaches	Percentage
Non-AC coaches (general and sleeper)	~57,200	~70%
AC coaches	~25,000	~30%
Total coaches	~82,200	100%

Due to higher availability of general coaches, the number of passengers traveling in general/ unreserved coaches has shown an increasing trend as shown below:

Table 3: Passengers in general/unreserved coaches:

Year	No. of Passengers
2020-21	99 Cr (Covid year)
2021-22	275 Cr (Covid year)
2022-23	553 Cr
2023-24	609 Cr
2024-25	651 Cr

The number of seats available for non-AC passengers has also increased over the years. The current composition is as follows:

Table 4: Distribution of seats:

Seat Type	No. of seats	Percentage
Non-AC seats	~ 54 lakhs	~ 78%
AC seats	~ 15 lakhs	~ 22%
Total	~ 69 lakhs	100%
