

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 665  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.04.2016**

**INCREASE IN NUMBER OF GENERAL COACHES**

**†665. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:**

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

- (a) the details of the number of passengers travelling in the general coaches, third AC and other categories including the ratio of revenue earned from these categories;**
- (b) whether more passengers travel in general coaches of most of the trains than any other category of coaches and the Railways earn same revenue from these coaches as from sleeper and third AC coaches and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide more facilities to the passengers travelling in general coaches and also to increase the number of general coaches; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.665 ASKED BY SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK TO**

**BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.04.2016 REGARDING INCREASE IN NUMBER OF GENERAL COACHES.**

**(a) & (b) The number of passengers travelling in the general coaches, third AC and other categories/classes and the ratio of their respective revenue earned during 2014-15 is as follows:-**

<b>Class</b>	<b>No. of Passengers (in millions)</b>	<b>% of Total Revenue</b>
<b>General class</b>	<b>7342</b>	<b>38.1</b>
<b>III AC</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>18.3</b>
<b>Other classes</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>43.6</b>

**As per details given above, in most of the trains more passengers travel in the General Compartment than in any other compartment and Railway's average classwise income from a General Compartment is lesser than that from a 3<sup>rd</sup> AC Compartment and that from a compartment of other categories.**

**( c ) & (d) As part of the continual improvement in passenger amenities in trains, following actions have been taken by Indian Railways :**

- (i) Provision of cushioned seats/berths in General Second Class non Air Conditioned coaches.**
- (ii) Besides making provision of dustbins, it has also been decided to provide stainless steel mugs with chain arrangement in non Air Conditioned coaches including General Second Class coaches.**

**During the period 2015-16, total 1022 coaches have been attached in existing trains on permanent basis, out of which 402 coaches are General Class coaches, which is about 40% of the total augmentations done during the period.**

**Further, Indian Railways, in the Railway Budget 2016-17, have proposed to introduce the Antyodaya Express, a long distance, fully unreserved, superfast train service, and also add two to four Deen Dayalu coaches (General Class coaches) in some long distance trains for unreserved travel to enhance the Railways' carrying capacity of unreserved passengers.**

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