

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1646
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2016**

CONFIRM TICKET TO PASSENGERS

**1646. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has taken any initiative to issue confirm tickets to all the booked passengers in the particular trains;**
- (b) if so, the details of steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1646 BY SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM AND SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.07.2016 REGARDING CONFIRM TICKET TO PASSENGERS.

(a) to (c): On Indian Railways demand of reserved accommodation is not uniform throughout the year and it varies during peak and lean period and also from class to class and sector to sector. During peak rush period, on popular routes demand generally exceeds availability particularly in upper class. However, during lean periods and on less popular routes and in lower class, confirmed accommodation remains available for comparatively longer period. With a view to provide confirmed accommodation, waiting list position of the trains is monitored and to meet the increased demand various measures are taken which include introduction of new trains, enhancement of the composition of more popular trains, attachment of extra coaches in the existing trains, running of special trains for clearance of extra passengers traffic during peak seasons, festivals, special events etc. keeping in view the pattern of traffic, commercial justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc. Further, to provide confirmed accommodation to waitlisted passengers and also to ensure optimal utilization of available accommodation, the Alternate Train Accommodation Scheme known as 'VIKALP' has been introduced in identified sectors wherein any passenger getting waiting list ticket at the time of booking can opt for shifting to alternate train in case his/her status remain waiting list at the time of preparation of first reservation chart subject to availability of accommodation in alternate train.
