

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3921  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2016**

**EXPANSION OF VIKALP**

**†3921. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is seriously considering to expand the Alternative Train Accommodation Scheme known as 'VIKALP' for the waitlisted passengers;**
- (b) if so, the action taken 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): With a view to provide confirmed accommodation to waitlisted passengers of reserved class and, also to ensure optimal utilisation of available accommodation, the Alternate Train Accommodation Scheme known as 'VIKALP' was introduced as a pilot project on Delhi-Lucknow & Delhi-Jammu sectors. This scheme has been further extended recently in April 2016 to Delhi-Howrah, Delhi Mumbai, Delhi-Chennai, Delhi-Bengaluru and Delhi-Secunderabad sectors also.**

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