

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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**INCREASING SLEEPER COACHES IN IMPORTANT TRAINS RUNNING BETWEEN
JHARKHAND AND DELHI**

605 # SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering or will consider increasing sleeper coaches in important trains running between Jharkhand and Delhi and other major cities so that passengers could avail of the benefits during festivals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) Indian Railways (IR), operates various types of regular time-tabled trains e.g. suburban, short distance passenger trains, long distance /Mail / Express/ Superfast trains with different composition catering to different segments of passengers. To provide greater accommodation for the passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper Coaches, the extant policy regarding composition of Mail/Express trains, provide for 12 (Twelve) General class & Sleeper class non- AC coaches and 08 (eight) AC-Coaches, in a train of 22 coaches. Of the total number of Coaches being presently utilized for running of train services, two-third are non-AC, and one-third are AC variants.

Further, Indian Railways have introduced Amrit Bharat services, which have modern State-of the Art technology are equipped with advanced features like Semi-Permanent couplers for jerk free travel, horizontal sliding windows, foldable snack table and bottle holders, mobile holders etc. These services, which are fully non-AC trains, presently comprising 12 Sleeper Class Coaches and 8 General Class coaches, are providing high quality services to the passengers.

Besides, in its constant endeavour to provide additional accommodation to travelling passengers, IR also operates Special train services during festivals, holidays, etc. and by augmenting the load of trains including that with Sleeper Class Coaches, both on permanent and temporary basis, to cater to additional demand. These are on-going processes on Indian Railways.