

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.- 607
ANSWERED ON- 26.07.2024

ADDITION OF COACHES TO OVERCOME OVERCROWDING

607. SHRI HARIS BEERAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of passenger traffic data in Indian trains since 2019, year-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to address the persistent problem of overcrowding in passenger trains;
- (c) whether Government has reduced the number of low-cost passenger trains or their capacity;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether Government is planning to add new coaches in passenger trains to overcome the problem of overcrowding, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 607 BY SHRI HARIS BEERAN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 26.07.2024 REGARDING ADDITION OF COACHES TO OVERCOME OVERCROWDING

(a) to (e) The passenger traffic greatly varied from the year 2019 to 2024 due to COVID-19 pandemic. However, 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. 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 composition of 22 coaches, thereby providing greater accommodation for passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper 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. Additionally, Indian Railways have also started operating Amrit Bharat services which are fully non-AC trains providing high quality services to the passengers.

Besides, IR constantly endeavours to provide additional accommodation to travelling passengers by operating Special train services during festivals, holidays, etc. and by augmenting the load of trains, both on permanent and temporary basis, to cater to additional demand. These are on-going processes on Indian Railways. Keeping in view increased demand, IR has planned to manufacture 10,000 non-AC Coaches including General Class and Sleeper Class Coaches.
