

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1813
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022**

UNRESERVED COACHES

1813. SHRIMATI ANGADI MANGAL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any measures are being contemplated to install the unreserved coaches in the trains to facilitate passengers to take window tickets;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the details of steps being initiated for the provision of linen blankets and curtains to be restored in the AC Coaches?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): Instruction have been issued to Zonal Railways that in trains already restored with regular train numbers, second class accommodation should be earmarked as reserved or unreserved as it was prevalent during Pre-pandemic period.

Accordingly, Second class unreserved coaches have been restored in most of the trains as per applicability during Pre-Pandemic period.

(c): Provision of Linen & Blanket and curtains have been done in AC coaches of majority of identified trains eligible for providing linen and curtains.

Following actions have been taken/or are being taken by Railway to expedite linen restoration:-

- i. Procurement of Mill based linen in addition to Khadi/Handloom for one year.**
- ii. Divisional Railway Managers have been empowered to call quotations for a period of 3 months for restoration of linen services in FY 2022-23.**
- iii. Additional fund of ₹200 crores has been allocated for procurement of linen beside already allocated budget.**
