

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 395  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025**

**RAILWAY RESERVATION CHART**

**\*395. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have decided to release reservation charts eight hours before departure of trains and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the present mandatory releasing of seats and berths four hours before departure of train is not strictly followed and at times, final chart comes just one to two hours before departure of train and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the manner in which Railways proposes to ensure that charts are strictly released eight hours before departure of the train and the reasons for implementing it in a phased manner?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA  
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**(a) to (c) In order to facilitate passengers by providing final status of their reservation reasonably in advance, the timings for preparation of first reservation charts have been revised as under:**

- **The reservation chart to be prepared preferably by 2100 hours of the previous day for the trains with scheduled departure time between 0500 hours and 1400 hours.**
- **The reservation chart to be prepared preferably 8 hours in advance for the trains with scheduled departure time between 1400 hours and 0500 hours.**

**This step has brought more certainty in planning the trip. Passengers who come from distant areas to catch trains also get more time under this new arrangement.**

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