

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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RUSH OF PASSENGERS IN TRAINS  
RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA

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

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the heavy rush of passengers in almost all the trains and passengers travel in standing through out their journey;
- (b) whether Government are also aware that most of the passengers prefer to travel by bus where they are provided comfortable seats; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to reduce overcrowding and make rail journey comfortable ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH )

- (a) The number of passengers increase on certain sectors and in certain trains during peak seasons, festival days and holidays.
- (b) Bus journey is preferred for short-distance while the long-journeys are preferred by rail.
- (c) To cater to the extra demand during the peak season such as vacations and festival holidays, special trains are run and capacity of the existing trains is increased by augmenting with additional coaches to the possible extent. The wait list of all the train is monitored.