

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RESERVATION IN AC CLASS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Governmen are aware that reservation in AC categories is not available;
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to streamline the situation?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The advance reservation period for long- distance trains is 60 days from the date of departure of the train originating station. Since a limited number of berths are available in Air-conditioned classes, during peak rush period, such as summer, festival season etc, the accommodation in AC classes gets exhausted within a short time. However, during the lean period, accommodation remains available for much longer period in all classes including air- conditioned classes. In order to bridge the gap between the demand and supply, various steps have been taken which include running of special trains, augmenting the load of the existing trains etc. In addition, waiting list position is monitored on day to day basis and wherever justified and feasible, additional coaches including Air conditioned class coaches are attached.