

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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AUGMENTATION OF COACHES IN TRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways are aware of the problems of non-availability of reservation due to inadequate number of coaches in the trains;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to augment the number of reserved and unreserved coaches in proportion to number of passengers;
- (c) the norms adopted for fixing the number of coaches in trains alongwith number of different category of coaches attached in a train;
- (d) whether the Railways propose to increase the number of coaches in the trains to 24 to deal with the said problem; and
- (e) if so, the progress made in this regard so far ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

- (a) & (b) : Railways monitor the availability of reservation on day to day basis. Based on waiting list, additional coaches are attached to clear the rush wherever feasible. Augmentation of trains is an ongoing process subject to traffic pattern, operation feasibility and availability of resources. In addition to this Railways also introduce new trains, increase the frequency of trains, extend the run of trains to take care of the growing demand. Railways also run special trains to clear the seasonal rush of traffic.
- (c): Different category of coaches are provided in the composition of a train keeping in view the traffic demand in the sector and patronisation of particular type of coaches.
- (d) & (e): Popular trains are augmented to 24 coach length and it is an ongoing process. At present 56 pair of trains are running with 24 coaches.