

Re: Train services in Eastern UP and Bihar - laid

SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV (JAUNPUR): In more than 40 trains mostly operating in Eastern UP and Bihar, sleeper and general coaches are being reduced and replaced by AC coaches. Out of 22 coaches in long distance trains, instead of 7 only 2 sleeper coaches are being placed and 3 extra AC coaches are being placed. This means that in every train minimum 300 to 400 passengers will have to opt for travel in AC coaches instead of sleeper/general coaches. Passengers will have to bear more than double the cost of the journey as compared to before. 3AC online ticket costs Rs. 500 to 600 more than general ticket. The railway has already withdrawn concession for Senior citizens since March 2020. Poor people, farmers, students, working class have been affected most. Train is the most common mode of travel for general public. Trains are lifeline for common man. There is a demand for more train stoppages and operation of more trains, Government is making travel costlier. Government has the objective of welfare state and should not merely focus on profit motive. I request that sleeper/general coaches should not be reduced. Even if they have to be replaced by AC coaches, fare should not be increased. Restore concession for senior citizens especially in sleeper and 3AC coaches.

माननीय सभापति : आइटम नंबर ? 18, श्री पंकज चौधरी जी ।

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