

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2555
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024**

LADIES COMPARTMENTS IN EXPRESS TRAINS

2555 SHRI M K RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that the number of ladies compartments in Express trains and others are fewer than those required across Kerala, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether any steps are being taken to have more Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) trains running along Calicut - Kannur and Calicut - Ernakulam segment, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has noticed that passengers are finding it inconvenient to book trains using tatkal platform as the crowding is more and the possibility of getting tatkal is less, if so, the details of steps taken to ensure tatkal tickets are made available to all commuters; and**
- (d) whether the Government has noticed that large number of commuters from Calicut ends up on the waiting list due to lack of sufficient trains to various places from Calicut, if so, the details of steps taken to rectify the same?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2555 BY SHRI M K RAGHAVAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING LADIES COMPARTMENTS IN EXPRESS TRAINS.

(a) to (d) Presently certain number of berths are earmarked in trains for ladies. Exclusive unreserved coaches/compartments for female passengers in EMU (Electrical Multiple Unit)/DMU (Diesel Multiple Unit)/MMTS(Multi Modal Transport System) trains & local passenger trains depending upon demand pattern as well as availability of accommodation are also provided. The present utilization of reserved accommodation for ladies earmarked on pan India basis is approximately 80%.

On Indian Railways, demand of reserved accommodation in trains including Tatkal accommodation is not uniform throughout the year and it varies over lean and peak periods and also during different days of the week. During peak rush periods/days, the reserved accommodation is high in demand whereas during non-peak periods, the confirmed reserved accommodation in general as well as Tatkal quota remains available for comparatively longer duration. With a view to facilitate passengers in purchasing reserved tickets including Tatkal tickets through internet, Next Generation e-Ticketing (NGeT) system with increased server capacity was launched in 2014. Its capacity has been upgraded constantly and presently Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) website has a capacity of booking more than 28,000 tickets per minute.

Presently, Calicut - Kannur sector is being served by 55 pair of train services including two MEMU services. Similarly, Calicut - Ernakulam Sector is being served by 38 pair of train services. Besides, introduction of new trains including MEMU services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways, subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc.
