

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1429  
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2003  
RESERVATION OF SEATS/BERTHS IN PASCHIM EXPRESS  
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

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

- (a) the number of berths/seats fixed for reservation at Chandigarh in A.C.2 Tier, Sleeper Coach and 2nd class unreserved coach attached to train no. 2925/2926, Paschim Express running between Kalka and Ambala Cantt. for onward journey to Mumbai;
- (b) the reason for not reserving all the berths/seats in the five coaches for Chandigarh/Kalka;
- (c) whether the Government has considered the desirability of adding an additional 3 tier sleeper coach in view of the rush of passenger from Chandigarh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) Out of the six coaches (one AC-3 tier, three Sleeper Class, two partially unreserved coaches) being run by 2926A Kalka-Mumbai Central Paschim Express, the entire accommodation of AC-3 tier coach (64 berths) and both partially unreserved coaches (80 seats) is available for passengers intending to travel from Kalka/Chandigarh by this train. In sleeper class, the accommodation of 72 berths (one full coach) which was earlier available for the passengers of Kalka/Chandigarh, has since been enhanced to 108 berths w.e.f. 10-01-2004 based on utilisation. No AC-2 tier coach is running on this train. No room is available for attaching an additional Sleeper coach for Chandigarh/Kalka as room for one coach is available to clear extra rush of Wait Listed passengers or party coach etc.