

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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WAITING LIST FOR RESERVATION OF SEATS/BERTHS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware that the waiting list for reservation of seats/berths in trains is constantly becoming longer and longer over the last few years and as a result, a large number of passengers have to travel without reservation; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the corrective measures taken/to be taken by the Government for ensuring reservation of seats/berths for the travellers in larger number?

**Answer**

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

(a): During the peak rush period only such as Summer rush, Pooja rush, Christmas vacations and other occasions, when there is great demand for reserved accommodation, heavy waiting list is noticed in trains.

(b): Apart from introduction of new trains, increasing frequency and augmentation of the loads of the existing trains, as a regular measure, Railways plan the running of special trains to meet the unsatisfied demand. Moreover, the waiting list position of important trains is monitored on day-to-day basis and depending on the demand, additional coaches are attached, wherever feasible.