

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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UNAUTHORISED OCCUPATION OF UNRESERVED COACHES/COMPARTMENTS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether two or three coaches/ compartments are made unreserved for general passengers in each Express and Super- fast trains;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is aware that these coaches/compartments are occupied forcibly by the unscrupulous persons without having any reservation authority and do not allow general passengers to enter in that compartment/coach;
- (c) whether some cases of misbehaviour by such unscrupulous persons with general passengers in different trains have come to the notice of the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if so, the steps the Government propose to take in the matter and add more unreserved coaches/compartments in trains for avoiding the inconvenience caused to the general passengers?

Answer

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

- (a) A minimum of two general class coaches besides two luggage-cum-general class coaches are available in all Mail/Express trains except Rajdhani/Shatabdi Expresses.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) to (e): In order to avoid inconvenience to passengers, Indian Railways augment trains, which is an ongoing process, including with general class coaches subject to traffic pattern, operational feasibility and availability of resources. However, following steps are taken to prevent inconvenience to the unreserved passengers:
 - (1) The queues to board the unreserved compartments are regulated by the Commercial and Railway Protection Force(RPF) staff with the assistance of the Government Railway Police (GRP) where necessary.
 - (2) The unreserved compartments are locked in the yard and brought to the platforms. The doors are opened on the platforms and the entry of unreserved passengers, who are already waiting in queue, is regulated into the unreserved coaches.
 - (3) These measures are monitored by during holiday and other busy seasons particularly.