

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:647  
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DEFENCE DEPARTMENTAL QUOTA IN TRAINS  
Shiwankar Shri Maha Deo Rao

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

- (a) whether additional coaches and trains have been provided by the Government under the railways amenities being provided to Indian soldiers during the current year as reported in Hindustan dated February 01, 2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Defence Departmental (DD) Quota has been increased by the Government;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the total quota on daily basis in trains under Defence Departmental is provided by the Railways to the soldiers;
- (f) the time by which this fixed quota is being provided and whether the Government is contemplating to increase it;
- (g) if so, the details thereof and time by which it is likely to be increased; and
- (h) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Military trains in normal time (other than war time) are run by Ministry of Defence with their own stock. Safety and amenity maintenance is given to Military trains as is given to other trains.

(c) to (h): Defence Department accommodation, both reserved and unreserved, is earmarked in trains based on the availability and demand pattern. This is reviewed from time to time and adjustments where required are made. No statistics of total Defence accommodation earmarked on different zonal railway on daily basis is, however, maintained.