

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the average number of berths per train in reserved and unreserved category alongwith average number of passengers travelling therein;
- (b) whether the Railways are aware the number of berths/coaches in the trains are highly inadequate vis-a-vis numbers of passengers travelling therein;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to increase the number of berths/ coaches particularly for unreserved category/poor passengers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a): The average number of reserved seats/berths per train and the average number of passengers per train are approximately 703 & 744 respectively.

Unreserved tickets are not train specific. However, the daily number of unreserved passengers is approximately 20.34 Million.

(b): The volume of passenger traffic is not uniform throughout the year and the occupancy varies from train to train and during peak and lean periods.

(c) and (d): Attachment of coaches in trains including unreserved coaches is an ongoing process subject to commercial justification, operational feasibility and resource availability. During this financial year, upto September 2010, total 275 coaches including 61 General Class coaches have been attached in different trains on regular basis. Besides, new train services are introduced and special trains are also run to generate more seat/berth capacity to clear extra rush of passenger traffic.