

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:190
ANSWERED ON:16.07.2009
GENERAL BOGIES IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria for attaching general bogies in mail/express/ passenger trains;
- (b) whether the number of general bogies attached to such trains is very less in proportion to the travelling public in those trains;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Railways to increase the number of general bogies to facilitate travel by the general public?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.190 BY SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16-07-2009 REGARDING GENERAL BOGIES IN TRAINS.

(a) to (d): General class coaches are used by the passengers traveling with second class ordinary and second class mail/express tickets without any prior reservation. Attachment of general class coaches in train services is done keeping in view the traffic pattern of different class of passengers and operational feasibility. The proportion of general class coaches to the total number of coaches deployed on Indian Railways is approximately 52%.

There is a continuous effort to meet the passenger traffic demand subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources. Due care is taken to provide adequate number of general bogies for second class passengers. Some of the steps taken in this direction are:-

1. The number of general class coaches has been increased from four to six in the newly introduced trains except in special type trains like Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains.
2. New trains like Jan Sadharan, Janseva, Intercity trains with only general bogies meant for the travel by second class general passengers have been introduced.
3. Existing train services have been augmented by more general class coaches.