

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:898  
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TATKAL RESERVATION  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have reduced the number of Sleeper Class tickets and converted it into Tatkal reservation class;
- (b) if so, the comparative percentage of general sleeper class and tatkal reservation class;
- (c) the revenue collected by the Railways from tatkal reservation class tickets;
- (d) whether Railways propose to increase number of tickets in view of difficulties being faced by the passengers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): The reservations under general quota as well as Tatkal quota can be availed by the passengers on a first-cum-first served basis. There is only a comparative difference in the Advance Reservation Period and no reduction in the accommodation for the passengers. Out of the total reserved accommodation available in Sleeper class, about 12% has been earmarked for Tatkal passengers. If unused, this quota is released to general passengers.
- (c): The amount of revenue earned by the Railways from sale of tickets in Tatkal quota during 2008-09 was Rs. 605 crores in all classes of travel in which Tatkal accommodation has been earmarked.
- (d) & (e): Creation of additional accommodation to cater to increased demand is a continuous process. The Railways have introduced a large number of trains and have augmented existing trains to meet the increasing demand.