

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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OPTIMUM UTILISATION OF TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have taken a note that the trains are not being utilised at its optimum level in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Railways propose to increase the utilisation of trains now;
- (c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): On Indian Railways, the demand pattern for reserved accommodation is not uniform throughout the year and it varies during peak and lean seasons. However, overall occupancy of all categories of reserved trains during the Financial Year 2013-14 and during the period from April, 2014 to February, 2015 has been more than 100%. Further, with a view to ensure optimum utilisation of available reserved accommodation, Zonal Railways have been empowered to review different reservation quotas in trains on periodical basis and make adjustments wherever required.