

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RESERVED SEATS IN TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to charge higher fare on decreasing number of available reserved seats in all mail and express trains on the pattern of flexible airfare and if so, the reasons therefore and progress made in this regard;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to increase the number of trains and/or number of coaches in view of huge number of passengers waiting for reservations; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) In popular trains, tatkal accommodation with higher fare has been earmarked over and above the normal accommodation of the train on normal fare structure. W.e.f. 01. 10.2014, in some of the selected trains by Zonal Railways which are most in demand, 50% of the existing accommodation under Tatkal Quota has been earmarked as Premium Tatkal Quota and is being booked on dynamic pricing.

This is a distance-slab based fare scheme where the fare increases by 20% after each slab of 10% berths are sold subject to the existing cap (maximum fare chargeable) on dynamic fare.

(b) & (c) Introduction of new trains and augmentation of existing trains over Indian Railways is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources.