

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PASSENGER TRAFFIC AND TICKET AVAILABILITY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the routes that have maximum rush of passengers along with the revenue earned on this route;
- (b) the rules pertaining to advance booking of tickets;
- (c) whether Railways proposes to introduce reservation of seats 10 days in advance; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to come into effect?

Answer

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

(a): Indian Railways have a route length of about 65,436 kilometres. On an average, about 23 million passengers commute across Indian Railways daily. The passenger traffic on different routes varies from season to season, day to day and train to train.

(b): The advance reservation period for booking reserved accommodation is 60 days excluding the day of journey. In case of certain day time express trains, shorter time limits are prescribed. In case of Tatkal tickets, the booking opens at 1000 hours on the previous day of journey from the train originating station.

In case of unreserved tickets involving journey upto 200 kilometres, the tickets can be booked on the same day whereas tickets involving journey of more than 200 kilometres can be booked up to three days in advance excluding the day of journey.

(c) and (d): Premium trains with dynamic pricing have been introduced during the Holi and summer rush with shorter advance reservation periods of up to 15 days.