

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5308
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REDUCED RAILWAY QUOTAS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have reduced Defence/ Tatkal/ Female (above 45 years)/ Senior Citizen Quotas in trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise, train-wise, class-wise including trains going from New Delhi/H. Nizamuddin Railway Stations to Karnataka State viz. Bangalore, Hubli and Kankanadi (Mangalore) along with the reasons for the same;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to restore the earlier quotas including trains going to Karnataka;
- (d) if so, the time frame for its restoration; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): There has been no reduction in total number of berths/seats earmarked on Indian Railways under Tatkal, Ladies and Senior Citizens quotas. However, based on poor utilisation, there has been marginal reduction in number of berths/seats earmarked under Defence Department Quota.

Train-wise, class-wise distribution of all types of reservation quotas except Defence Department Quota is done by the Zonal Railways on the basis of demand pattern and availability of accommodation. Reservation Quotas so earmarked including Defence Department, Tatkal, Ladies, Senior Citizens are reviewed on periodical basis and adjustments made, wherever required, based on utilisation. This is a continuous process.

(b): There has been no reduction in the total number of berths/seats earmarked under Tatkal, Defence Department, Ladies and Senior Citizens quotas in trains originating from Delhi area and terminating/passing through Bangalore, Hubli and Kankanandi (Mangalore) as indicated below:

Type of Quota	Number of berths/seats earmarked in the year	
	2013	2014
Tatkal	2438	3008
Defence Department	53	55
Ladies	78	92
Senior Citizen	307	398

(c) to (e): Although, there is marginal reduction in the Defence Department quota on all India basis, there is no reduction in the accommodation earmarked under Tatkal, Defence Department, Ladies and Senior Citizens quotas in trains originating from Delhi area and terminating/passing through Bangalore, Hubli and Kankanandi (Mangalore). Since the reduction of Defence Department Quota was on account of poor utilisation, there is no proposal to restore this quota to the earlier level.