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Title : Regarding need to increase the number of general compartments in all Express and Super-fast trains for the benefit of common man.

SHRI M. SREENIVASULU REDDY (ONGOLE): I would like to bring to the notice of this House about the most important matter that our Indian Railways should pay attention to and to take immediate action keeping in view the general passengers all over the nation.

The number of general compartments in Express and Super-fast trains are not enough to meet the requirements of the traveling public. At present, only two bogies nearer to the engine and two bogies at the tail end of the train are being provided. These bogies are always over crowded , leaving little or no space even for standing. In particular, the elderly persons, women and children are facing the brunt of heavy rush in these bogies even for a short distance journey. During peak hours, the rush is higher and even able-bodied face difficulties and the passengers are pushed to the door steps. Slight jolt of train cost many lives. The unreserved passengers feel that they are not treated as human beings by Indian Railways.

I therefore, request the Government to take immediate action to increase the number of general bogies in all Express trains keeping in view the plight of the common man in these compartments.