

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2290
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2020**

ADDITION OF SLEEPER COACHES

2290. SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that 60 per cent of the people travelling in the Amravati-Pune Express are middle class and BPL families and could not afford to pay the exorbitant AC train fare;

(b) if so, whether the Government would make any provisions to add some more sleeper coaches and reduce the AC coaches for the benefit of majority of train passengers and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c) Presently, Amravati-Pune sector, on end-to-end basis, is being served by two pairs of services viz. 11405/11406 Amravati-Pune Express (Bi-weekly) running with both air-conditioned and non air-conditioned accommodation and 22117/22118 Pune-Amravati AC Express (Weekly) is running as a fully air-conditioned service. Attachment of non air-

conditioned class coaches in 22117/22118 Pune-Amravati AC Express is not feasible, at present, as the train is already running with maximum permissible load and is running on integrated link with 22125/22126 Nagpur-Amritsar AC Express and 22123/22124 Pune-Ajni AC Express. However, augmentation/de-augmentation of coaches is an ongoing process on Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility and commercial justification.
