Advance Reservation

To help you plan your journey well in advance, Indian Railways offer you the facility of Advance Reservation. About 97% of the advance reservation centres are computerised, making it possible for you to book your ticket from anywhere to anywhere. Given below are the answers to your questions on advance reservation, changes in travel plans, booking of special trains/carriages, etc.



Can I book a ticket from Nagpur to Bangalore at Howrah?

Yes, you can. In fact, you can book your ticket for any train on the Indian Railways network, from any originating station to any destination* at any of the Computerized Reservation centers, across the country. With the network of Passenger Reservation Systems, you can now book your onward and return journey tickets from any Computerized Reservation Centre nearest to you – not just from major railway stations. This networking makes reservation of tickets faster and simpler.

Reserved tickets can also be obtained by accessing the website www.irctc.co.in. Payments can be made directly through the website. Please follow the instructions posted on the website.

**Reservations can be made subject to distance restrictions and availability of quotas.*

How many days in advance can I reserve my ticket?

You can reserve your ticket 60 days in advance, excluding the date of journey at the train originating station. At intermediate stations where the train arrives the following day, reservation can be done more than 60 days in advance. In case of some intercity day express trains, the advance reservation period is less. Special Trains are planned by Railways where ARP varies subject to maximum 60 days. Such Trains may have a higher fare than normal Trains.



How do I know the reservation status of my ticket?

The reservation status will be clearly indicated in your ticket. If your ticket is confirmed, your coach and berth numbers will be mentioned on your ticket in all classes other than First Class and AC First Class. For these, the word "Confirmed", will be printed alongside the class of travel. If your ticket is in RAC (Reservation Against Cancellation)/ Waitlisted status, the same will be mentioned on the ticket.

Note: Passengers are requested to kindly note that while every effort will be made to ensure a comfortable, hassle-free journey, Indian Railways are not liable to compensate a passenger due to non-provision of reserved accommodation or for any losses suffered due to late running of trains and other such unintended eventualities which are not wilful or deliberately perpetrated.

Can I board the train with an RAC?

You can board the train with an RAC ticket. You will be provided with sitting accommodation initially and allotted a berth (in case of passengers not turning up) in the train.

Can I board the reserved coach with waitlisted tickets?

Wailtlishted passengers are not permitted to board the reserved coaches if their ticket is not confirmed at the time of prepratation of chart, since no berth/seat has been reserved for their use in these coaches. Such passengers, if found in the reserved coach unauthorisedly, are detrained at the next stoppage of train, if no vacant berth is available, (due to non turn up of passengers) to accomodate them. As per Section 155 of Railways Act, if any passenger, enters a compartment wherein no berth/seat has neen reserved for his use or unauthorisedly occupies a berth/seat reserved for the use of another passenger, refuses to leave, he/she shall be removed from the berth/seat/compartment and be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.

How can I board a train in the reserved coach if I am not able to get a waitlisted ticket?

If you don't have any ticket, you may approach the Train Superintendent/ TTE after purchasing an unreserved ticket from the booking office as specified in the following table. The TTE will allot the accommodation, subject to availability.

Category of Train	Class of Travel	Min. Class of Ticket required for boarding the train at originating and intermediate Stations
i) Rajdhani/Shatabdi	IA, FC, 2A, 3A, ACC	1st Class Ordinary
ii) Jan Shatabdi	ACC 2S	1st Class Ordinary 2nd Mail/Express
iii) Mail/Express	FC, IA, 2A, 3A,	1st Class Ordinary
	CC, SL, 2S	2nd Mail/Express
iv) Garib Rath Express	3A, CC	2nd Mail/Express
v) Double Decker	Executive Class AC Chair Car	1st Class Ordinary AC Chair Car ticket through UTS

However, in case you have a second class ticket and could not get reservation in sleeper class and desire to travel in any upper class, you may approach the on-board ticket checking staff, who can upgrade your ticket accordingly subject to availability of accommodation except in Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express trains.

How do I find out the current status of my unconfirmed ticket?

Here are the different ways to find out the current status of your unconfirmed ticket:

1. Online: Go to the Indian Railways website www.indianrailways.gov.in or www.indianrail.gov.in and enter your PNR number in the "Check PNR Status" section.
2. Phone: Call the Indian Railways Passenger Reservation Enquiry number 139, and provide your PNR number.
3. SMS: Send an SMS to 139 with the following message: PNR<your PNR number>.
4. Visit a railway station and go to the Reservation Enquiry counter. Provide your PNR number to the counter clerk to check your ticket status.

Please note that the current status of your ticket may change at any time, so it is important to check it regularly, especially before your travel date.

Am I required to carry proof of identity during journey in Reserved Classes?

Any one of the passengers/ the passenger booked on the tickets issued from Computerised Passenger Reservation System (PRS) and internet undertaking journey in reserved classes, has to carry anyone of the prescribed proof of identity (in original) during the journey and produce the same as and when required failing which all the passengers booked on that ticket will be treated as without ticket and charged accordingly.