“Minimizing Unreserved Travel in Reserved Coaches”
(Collective inputs from 140,000 strong citizen community “Make Railways Better”)

1. Indian Railways should make entry into reserved compartment without reservation a punishable offence, validated and executed through TTE and Railway Police
2. TTE should have the power to charge a penalty and de-board passengers with support from Railway Police
3. TTE should check the tickets carefully
4. TTE should make sure with support from Railways Police that the passengers with reserved tickets get their seats
5. The passenger community should also support the TTE when he is making unreserved passengers leave reserved compartments
6. If the passenger misbehaves, the Railway Police should come in action
7. Passengers without reserved tickets found seated in reserved compartment should be fined as well along with the punishment
8. Railway Central Ticket Checking Squads should be formed which in group of 20 team members randomly check trains for violations of ticketless and unreserved travel and take on spot actions against passengers and the TTE
9. If a seat is vacant, the TTE could charge a small amount with receipt for allotting a seat on board along with the full fare.
10. A helpline could be started where such incidents could be reported with action taken within a few hours from the next few stations
11. The issuance of tickets beyond capacity should be stopped
12. Clear warning should be written on tickets about travelling in reserved compartments without reservation
13. Free Travel passes should not be valid in reserved compartments unless seats are available
14. Railways should have a facility which provides display of available seats on platforms via LCDs at train departure and based on that passengers could be allowed to board the train and purchase tickets on board.

This checklist is prepared from the responses received in the 140,000+ strong ‘Make Railways Better’ Citizens’ circle, the largest Online Community for Making Railways Better. To join this circle, visit http://tinyurl.com/Make-Railways-Better