

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2884
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AC FIRST CLASS COACH WITH RAJDHANI EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether AC first Class/coupe service is not available in Rajdhani Express plying on Delhi-Dimapur route between Guwahati Dimapur section;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and
- (c) the time by which AC first Class services on this train is likely to be introduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 2423A/2424A New Delhi-Guwahati-Dibrugarh link Rajdhani Express is running with maximum permissible load of 18 coaches that a diesel locomotive can haul. Attachment of I AC coach will be feasible only as a replacement of existing AC 2-tier/AC 3-tier coaches, which are fully patronised. Replacement of the existing AC 2-tier/AC 3-tier coach by I AC coach will not be acceptable to the existing users. Further as per present utilisation there is no commercial justification for attaching additional I AC coach on 2423A/2424A New Delhi-Guwahati-Dibrugarh link Rajdhani Express.

(c) Does not arise.