

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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HIGH SPEED COACHES
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to introduce high speed coaches in some Rajdhani Express routes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken in that direction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Coaches of a new LHB type design, capable of 160 Kilometer per hour manufactured by Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala will be introduced into Rajdhani service soon at a maximum operational speed of 130 Kilometer per hour.
- (b) & (c) Indian Railways have adopted technology from German Company M/s Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) (now ALSTOM LHB) for manufacture of light weight, high speed coaches. These coaches have extra earning potential as they can carry more passengers per coach, give better ride comfort and have enhanced safety features.