

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3897  
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IMPORT OF LUXURY COACHES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have imported luxury coaches from Germany for Delhi-Lucknow, Shatabdi Express;
- (b) if so, whether there is a proposal to import such luxury coaches for other Shatabdi Express; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST  
RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

- (a) 24 Air Conditioned coaches have been imported from M/s ALSTOM LHB of Germany. These coaches have been imported along with transfer of technology so that coaches to this improved design are manufactured in Railway's Production Units. The LHB coaches have been inducted initially in the Lucknow Shatabdi Express.
- (b) The Government have no plan to import such coaches in future as these shall be manufactured indigenously.
- (c) Does not arise.