

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:62
ANSWERED ON:19.02.2009
SCRAPPING THE THIRD SIDE BERTH FROM THE TRAINS
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji;Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have received complaints of inconvenience caused to the passengers and the Railway authorities due to the capacity increase in trains with the introduction of the third side berth in the sleeper and Air Conditioned three tier coaches;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have undertaken or propose to undertake any review in this regard;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 62 BY SHRIANANDRAO V. ADSUL AND SHRIADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.02.2009 REGARDING SCRAPPING THE THIRD SIDE BERTH FROM THE TRAINS.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Complaints about additional berths in the Sleeper and AC 3 Tier coaches mainly were of inconvenience and discomfort caused by increased congestion and inadequate space.

(c) & (d): The policy has been reviewed. It has now been decided to discontinue the scheme of provision of additional side middle berths in sleeper and AC 3 Tier coaches. Such berths provided in the already modified coaches shall be gradually removed within a period of six months.