

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ENHANCEMENT OF AC III TIER
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual increase of passengers travelled in AC III tier during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Railways have any proposal to increase the number of AC III tier coaches in various trains;
- (c) if so, the details of such trains alongwith the coaches to be added in each train; and
- (d) the percentage of growth in passengers opting to travel in AC III tier as compared to 1st class and sleeper class during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (d): The number of passengers carried in 3AC class and percentage growth in passengers opting to travel in 3AC, First Class and Sleeper Class during the last three financial years are as under:-

Class	Financial Year	No. of passengers carried (in hundreds)	% growth over previous year
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3AC	2006-07	265063	25.39
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	2007-08	313072	18.11
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	2008-09	386087	23.32
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First Class	2006-07	2159962	06.82
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	2007-08	2320966	07.45
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	2008-09	2401564	03.47
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Sleeper Class	2006-07	2145773	17.28
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	2007-08	2223885	03.64
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	2008-09	2409961	08.37
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Attachment of coaches including three tier AC coaches in trains is a continuous process subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources. During the current year approximately 82 three tier AC coaches have been added in different trains on regular basis.