

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DOUBLE DECKER COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether introduction of high capacity air conditioned double decker coaches for intercity travel was announced in the Railway Budget 2009-10;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the design of such coaches has been taken up by the Indian Railways and expert opinion/assistance obtained;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which these coaches are likely to be introduced on different routes?

Answer

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

- (a) to (d) Yes, Madam. Coach layout drawings and design details for an Air conditioned double decker coach have already been finalized by Research, Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO) of Indian Railways supplemented by the design organization of Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala. Manufacture of the prototype coach shell has been completed. This is presently undergoing tests for validation of the structural design parameters. Development of coach interiors and furnishing work shall now be taken up, followed by detailed oscillation trials for track worthiness.
- (e) Such AC double decker coaches are likely to be available for trains to be introduced during 2010-11.