

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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QUOTA OF AZAMGARH IN KAIFYAT EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to reduction in reservation quota under various categories from Azamgarh in respect of Kaifiyat Express originating from Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh and transferring this quota to Lucknow, the passengers of this area are facing great inconvenience; and

(b) if so, the measures being taken or proposed to be taken by the Railways to restore the reservation quota of Azamgarh and attach a pantry car to Kaifiyat Express ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Reservation quota allotted in trains at different locations is reviewed from time to time keeping in view the demand pattern at various stations. Consequently, the quota of 2225 Kaifiyat Express was reviewed by North Eastern Railway and based on the demand, certain berths were earmarked at Lucknow. However, during the next review, the reservation quota at Lucknow has been reduced by 8 berths in 2 AC, 6 berths in 3AC and 144 berths in Sleeper class and the reservation quota at Azamgarh has been enhanced by the same with effect from 16.08.2010. Such a review is a continuous process.

Attachment of Pantry Car to the trains is considered on the basis of various factors such as the availability of rolling stock, the duration of the journey, priority of the train, the timings, commercial justification, operational feasibility etc. At present, train side vending facilities are provided in Kaifiyat Express to meet the catering requirements of the passengers.