

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ADDITIONAL COACHES IN PASSENGER TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of passenger trains being run on the Darbhanga-Sakri- Jainagar, Nirmali and Sitamarhi railway section and the number of coaches attached to each of them;
- (b) whether the number of coaches are attached according to the capacity of the engines;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any direct trains are being run from Sitamarhi, Jainagar and Nirmali to Patna, Delhi and Howrah; and
- (e) if so, whether the Railways proposes to increase the number of trains for the benefit of the passengers on this route?

Answer

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

- (a) At present, 6 pairs of Express and 6 pairs of Passenger trains are serving Darbhanga-Sakri-Jaynagar section, 1 pair of Express and 4 pairs of Passenger trains is serving Darbhanga-Sitamarhi section, while 5 pairs of Passenger trains are serving Sakri –Nirmali section. The passenger trains are running with 10 coaches each.
- (b) & (c) No, Madam. The load of a passenger train is dependent on various factors like hauling capacity of the traction, commercial viability, operational feasibility etc.
- (d) & (e) Jaynagar is connected to Delhi, Howrah, and Patna by direct train services, Sitamarhi is connected to Delhi by direct service while direct train services for Delhi, Howrah, and Patna from Nirmali is not feasible as the station is located on meter gauge. Ranchi-Jaynagar Express, proposed in the Railway Budget 2010-11, would provide additional service on this route.