

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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AC FIRST CLASS COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to restore AC first class bogies in Rewa-New Delhi and Mahakaushal Express as per announcement made on 26 November, 2009;
- (b) the reasons for not taking any action in this regard so far;
- (c) whether any notification or directions regarding cleanliness and sanitation in both these trains have been issued;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) During the reply to the Starred Question number 106 on 26th November 2009 in Lok Sabha, Minister for Railways had stated that details of attaching AC first coach in 12427/12428 New Delhi-Rewa Express and 12189/12190 Jabalpur-Hazrat Nizamuddin Mahakoshal Express will be looked into. Subsequently, the matter was examined and attachment of first AC coaches in these trains was not found commercially justified and operationally feasible.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Improving upon the standards of cleanliness and sanitation in coaches is a high priority area of Indian Railways and instructions to this effect are issued to the Zonal Railways from time to time. Schemes like Intensive mechanized cleaning, On Board House Keeping (OBHS) and cleaning attention to trains during their stoppage at "Clean Train Stations" etc. have also been introduced for further improvement in standards of cleanliness and sanitation in the coaches.

Inspections/surprise checks are also carried out at various levels to ensure cleanliness and sanitation in the coaches.