

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ADDITION OF GENERAL CLASS COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study has been conducted by the Railways to ascertain the reasons behind attaching fewer number of general passenger coaches as compared to the number of people travelling through general class;
- (b) if so, the details of the said study and the steps being taken to enhance the capacity of passenger coaches in accordance with the said study; and
- (c) the time by which the number of general coaches are likely to be increased adequately in future?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Analysis of passenger traffic of all classes is done by the Railways from time to time to assess passenger demand taking into account the utilization of accommodation provided in the existing train services. This is a continuous process.

All new Mail/Express trains, except special type of trains like Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto etc. are introduced with minimum six unreserved coaches in their composition. Also, certain long distance trains like Jan Sadharan Express, Janseva Express, Jannayak Express etc. & short distance Intercity and Passenger trains are run with only General Second Class accommodation. Attachment of coaches including General Class coaches in trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways and is done keeping in view the traffic pattern of different class of passengers, operational feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources.