GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3627 ANSWERED ON:15.12.2011 ADDITIONAL COACHES IN TRAINS Patel Shri Kishanbhai Vestabhai;Singh Smt. Meena

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have received requests for additional coaches in Devgiri Express, Nandigram Express, Okha Rameshwaram Express, Delhi-Shamli train;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways to stop the trend of reducing the number of coaches in place of increasing the number in order that more number of wailisted tickets get confirmed and heavy rush of passengers during peak season is taken care of?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) Presently, 17057/17058 Mumbai CST-Secunderabad Devgiri Express is running with maximum permissible load. Hence, augmentation of this train is operationally not feasible. 11401/11402 Mumbai CST-Nagpur Nandigram Express has been augmented with three Sleeper Class and one AC-III tier coaches w.e.f. 10.03.2011 and 16733/16734 Rameshwaram-Okha express (weekly) has been augmented with two Sleeper Class and one General Class coaches w.e.f. 03.09.2010 & one AC-III tier coach w.e.f. 28.01.2011.
- (c) Coaches are detached/reduced from trains only in cases of their poor patronization. For clearing waitlisted passengers, coaches are attached to provide additional accommodation in popular trains on regular basis wherever operationally feasible. During peak seasons, extra coaches are attached in existing trains and special trains are also run to the extent feasible to clear waitlisted and extra rush of passengers.