

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1511

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ADDITION OF COACHES

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Railways have received any proposal for increasing the passenger coaches in train No. 12971/72 running between Bhavnagar-Mumbai, double decker coaches in Mumbai and Chennai route and AC coach for Ekta Express (14795/36) running between Bhiwani and Kalka to facilitate more passengers in view of heavy demand on said routes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be provided?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Two Sleeper Class coaches, one w.e.f. 23.06.2010 and the other w.e.f. 04.07.2011 have been attached in 12971/12972 Bandra (T)- Bhavnagar Express. At present, there is no proposal to introduce double decker coaches between Mumbai and Chennai. 14795/14796 Bhiwani-Kalka Ekta Express is running clubbed with 14095/14096 Delhi Sarai Rohilla-Kalka Himalyan Queen Express with amalgamating/bifurcating at Panipat, with maximum permissible load. Attachment of additional AC coach in any of these two trains is operationally not feasible at present. Further, attachment of coaches in trains is an ongoing process over Indian Railways and is done keeping in view the traffic pattern, operational feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources.