

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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REMOVING MIDDLE BERTH
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the middle berths in the trains are proposed to be removed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the trains in which this system still exist particularly for trains passing through Jabalpur; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be removed in view of the difficulties caused to passengers?

Answer

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

(a) The policy was reviewed by Ministry of Railways and it was decided to discontinue with provision of additional side middle berths in AC-3 Tier and sleeper class coaches. However, AC-3Tier of Garib Rath trains continues to have side middle berths.

(b) & (c) All such additional side middle berths in sleeper class and AC-3 Tier coaches for trains passing through Jabalpur have been removed except AC-3Tier coaches manufactured for Garib Rath trains. Garib Rath Trains were envisaged with high capacity coaches with longitudinal middle berth since their inception and these middle berths are inherent in the coach design of Garib Rath Trains.