

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that several trains including Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto and Garib Rath were carrying coaches much lower than their permissible load owing to the shortage of coaches particularly during peak season;
- (b) if so, the details of the shortage of coaches for the said trains in the country, zone-wise; and
- (c) the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There is no shortage of coaches for the scheduled train services including Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto and Garib Rath train services.

Extra coaches are attached and Special trains are introduced on Indian Railways' system to clear extra rush of passengers as and when required, subject to operational feasibility.

Attachment of coaches is done keeping in view the traffic pattern, operational feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources.

(c): Does not arise.