

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of coaches attached with Rajdhani Express, Shatabdi Express alongwith mail/express trains originating from all zonal railway head quarters including Northern Railways;
- (b) whether the number of coaches have been reduced in the trains originating from New Delhi, Delhi and Hazrat Nizamuddin railway station under Northern Railways as on date;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which the stipulated number of coaches to the said trains shall be reinstated?

Answer

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

(a): The number of coaches attached in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Mail Express trains vary due to traffic pattern, operational feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources. At present, Rajdhani Express trains are running with composition varying from 11 to 21 coaches, Shatabdi Express trains with composition varying from 10 to 17 coaches and Mail/Express trains with maximum composition upto 24

coaches. However, additional coaches are also attached in the existing trains and special trains are also run on day to day basis keeping in view extra rush of passengers, operational feasibility and availability of resources.

(b) to (d): Train services originating from New Delhi, Delhi and Hazrat Nizamuddin railway station under Northern Railway have been running with full complement of reserved coaches. While no decision has been taken to permanently reduce the number of unreserved coaches, however, at times, a few trains had to be run with lesser number of unreserved coaches to meet critical surges in demand in other trains. Action has been initiated to run these trains with full composition of unreserved coaches by inducting more new coaches this financial year.