

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND FOR ADDITIONAL COACHES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether most of the passenger trains plying in Gujarat and rest of the country run with insufficient number of coaches, resulting in crowded compartments and huge demand for reservation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether in the long-distance trains, quite a large number of old and worn out coaches are still being used;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways to monitor the proper attachment of coaches to the trains particularly during the peak seasons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

- (a) & (b) Passenger carrying trains, on Indian Railways, generally run to a scheduled composition for which adequate coaches are available. Further, Indian Railways, to take care of unsatiated/growing demand of travelling passengers, also augment existing trains on permanent/temporary basis and introduce additional services every year.
- (c) & (d) No, Madam. Coaches with a prescribed codal life are used in passenger services on Indian Railways. Coaches are replaced on age-cum condition basis, after attaining their prescribed codal life.
- (e) To meet passenger rush, certain trains are augmented from time to time, depending on the waiting-list position and room available in these trains to add extra coaches. In addition, Special trains are run to clear seasonal passenger traffic.