

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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REDUCTION IN AC FIRST AND SECOND CLASS COACHES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have reduced the AC First Class and Second Class coaches in Rajdhani and other trains despite continuing demand for these classes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to increase AC First Class and Second Class coaches on priority basis in each train?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Madam.

(c) To facilitate the AC-I and AC-II class passengers, 12 First cum Second AC class coaches and 39 AC-II class coaches have been attached in different trains on permanent basis for the period 01.04.2013 to 30.09.2013. Further, augmentation of trains, by various types of coaches including AC-I and AC-II coaches, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources.