

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PASSENGER TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have reviewed the punctuality of passenger trains and the availability of basic facilities in passenger trains operating in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Railways are aware that Train No.12487/ 12488 Seemanchal Express usually runs late and lacks basic facilities;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor along with the remedial steps taken by the Railways in this regard; and
- (e) whether the Railways proposes to increase the number of airconditioned coaches in all the trains particularly Seemanchal Express as per the demands of the passengers and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b) The punctuality of passenger trains is intensively monitored and reviewed on a daily basis at divisional, zonal headquarters and Railway Board's level. Availability of basic facilities items in coaches is checked during their laid down maintenance schedules.

(c) & (d) Train no. 12487/12488 Seemanchal Express has suffered a punctuality loss on a regular basis as the train runs through Mughalsarai-Allahabad-Anand Vihar sector which is facing severe capacity constraints on account of heavy coaching and freight rail traffic. Moreover, a large number of signaling up gradation and yard remodeling works as well as works related to providing connectivity to a new line (Etawah-Bhind) is ongoing on this route. For safe execution of these works, several speed restrictions for movement of trains have been imposed that results in loss of punctuality of trains on this section. However, all efforts are being made to improve running of trains, including 12487/12488 Seemanchal Express on this sector. Passenger amenities items provided in coaches of train No. 12487/12488 Seemanchal express is at par with those provided in other trains as per prescribed norms and there is no general complaint in train number 12487/12488.

(e) Attachment of coach including air conditioned coach to a train in an on-going process subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability and resource availability. Further, 12487/12488 Anand Vihar Terminus-Jogbani Seemanchal Express is linked with 22487/22488 Anand Vihar Terminus-Radhikapur Express and is running with maximum permissible load including four air conditioned coaches. Hence, attachment of more coach is not feasible at present.