

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW SHATABDI AND RAJDHANI EXPRESSES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of new Shatabdi Express and Rajdhani Express trains introduced in the country during the last three months indicating the starting and ending destinations;
- (b) whether the Government have added more facilities/amenities in Shatabdi and Rajdhani trains during the said period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): One pair of Shatabdi Express between Howrah and Patna & two pair of Rajdhani Expresses, one between New Delhi and Raipur-Bilaspur & the other between New Delhi and Ranchi-Hatia have been introduced during last three months.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Railways have planned to introduce state of the art coaches to Alstom LHB design with many improved features as follows:

- Better riding comfort due to reduced riding index.
- Noise free ride due to provision of antidrumming feature and sound insulation.
- Environment friendly controlled discharge toilets.
- Enhanced safety with anticlimbing feature of the couplers and use of fire retardant materials.
- Minipantry in each coach for serving food and drinks.
- Speed potential up to 160 kmph.
- Light weight and therefore fuel efficient.

Shatabdi service between New Delhi and Lucknow are likely to be introduced shortly.