

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3815
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2002
FACILITY OF CHAIR CAR IN AUGUST KRANTI RAJDHANI EXPRESS
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the facility of Chair-car in August Kranti Rajdhani Express(New Delhi- Mumbai) was available earlier;
- (b) whether this facility has been withdrawn;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government have received requests/proposals to restore this facility in the said train;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of the action taken/propose to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir..

(c): In view of over-night travel and long hours of journey, there were frequent complaints from passengers of discomfort in AC Chair Car coaches. Railways started production of AC 3 Tiercoaches in which nearly same number of berths were available as the number of seats in the Chair Car thereby providing better comfort to the travelling passengers.

(d) to (f): Some representations including from Shri Ramdas Athawale,MP and Dr. A. K. Patel, MP have been received. These have been examined but found neither feasible nor desirable and there is no proposal for restoring Chair-car facility in 2953/2954 New Delhi- Mumbai August Kranti Rajdhani Express, at present.