

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3489
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CHAIRCAR FACILITY IN AUGUST KRANTI, RAJDHANI EXPRESS
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Chaircar facility was available in the August Kranti, Rajdhani Express(New Delhi- Mumbai);
- (b) whether this facility has been withdrawn from the said train;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the date since when this facility has been withdrawn;
- (d) whether the Government have received requests/representations seeking restoration of the chaircar facility in the said train; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. In view of over-night travel and long hours of journey, there were frequent complaints from passengers about discomfort in AC Chair Car coaches. Railways, started production of AC 3 Tier coaches 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. With effect from 10.01.1999, 4 AC Chaircars provided earlier on 2953/2954 Nizamuddin-Mumbai August Kranti were replaced with one 2-tier AC Sleeper and three 3-tier AC Sleeper coaches.

(d) & (e): 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.