

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNRESERVED COACHES IN EXPRESS TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether less number of unreserved coaches have been attached to the Mail, Express, Superfast, Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains on different routes in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this leads to heavy crowding in the unreserved coaches; and
- (d) if so, the details of the action likely to be taken to tackle this problem?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Provision of coaches in the trains depends upon traffic demand, operational feasibility and availability of resources. As a policy no unreserved coaches are provided on Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains. On the majority of Superfast and Mail/Express trains both reserved and unreserved accommodation is available. Augmentation of accommodation is a continuous process. On new trains being introduced since 2002, an effort is being made to provide four unreserved coaches on each new service.