

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3348  
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CHAIR CAR FACILITY IN NEW DELHI MUMBAI RAJDHANI EXPRESS  
Athawale Shri Ramdas

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether chair car facility was available in New Delhi- Mumbai August Kranti Rajdhani Express earlier;
- (b) if so, whether the chair car facility has been withdrawn from the said train;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and since when this facility has been withdrawn;
- (d) whether the Government has received any requests/ representations from various quarters for re-introducing chaircar facility in the train;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(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 Rajdhani Express were replaced with one 2-tier AC Sleeper and three 3-tier AC Sleeper coaches.

(d) to (f): Some representations including that from the Hon?ble MP have been received. These have been examined but not found feasible for acceptance.