

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:92  
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SIDE MIDDLE BERTH IN COACHES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have received complaints about inconvenience caused to the passengers due to the side middle berth in Railways coaches;
- (b) if so, the details of complaints so far received, zone-wise;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to remove side middle berth from the sleeper coaches; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Complaints about additional berths in the Sleeper and AC 3 tier coaches mainly related to inconvenience and discomfort caused by increased congestion and inadequate space. Complaints on this account have been received on Central (18), East Central(7), East Coast(2), Northern(3), North Central(4), North Western(2), Southern(16), South Central(55), Southeast Central(44), South Western(9), Western(8) and West Central(5) Zonal Railways.

(c) &(d): Yes, Madam. The policy has been reviewed and it has now been decided to discontinue the scheme of provision of longitudinal side middle berths in Sleeper and 3AC coaches.Such berths provided in the already modified coaches shall be gradually removed.