

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ADDITIONAL COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways propose to increase the capacity of all trains on routes where demand for berths and seats is high by providing two additional coaches, particularly AC-III Tier to enhance revenue;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise;
- (c) whether rehabilitated AC-III Tier coaches are being used in long distance popular trains compromising on the safety and quality of passenger travel, if so, the details thereof and the alternative measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;
- (d) whether representations have been received from public representative by Railways for including AC First Class coach in Podhigai Express; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said addition would be made?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

- (a) & (b) Attachment of additional coaches including AC-III-tier coaches to trains is a continuous process subject to availability of demand, operational feasibility & availability of resources. However, during the financial year 2013-14, various trains have been augmented, on permanent basis, by utilising 778 coaches including 225 AC-III Tier coaches and in addition, on temporary basis, additional coaches were attached for 132514 coaches trips organised in regular trains.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) & (e) Representations for augmentation of trains are received from various quarters including the State Government, Ministers, Members of Parliament, Members of Legislative Assembly, general public etc. at various levels of Railway administration viz. railway station, division, zonal headquarters and the Ministry of Railways. The requests are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken. 12661/12662 Chennai Egmore- Sengottai Pothigai Express is running with maximum permissible load. As such, its further augmentation is not feasible at present.