

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4778

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ADDITION OF COACHES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware of shortages of railway compartment/coaches in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways proposed to increase the passenger carrying capacity of a few short distance trains by replacing non-AC sleeper coaches with reserved chair cars, if so, the details thereof along with the routes that are identified for this purpose;
- (d) whether the Railways have conducted feasibility study in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of provisions made for availability of coaches for this purpose?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) At present, there is no shortage of coaches on Indian Railways for running scheduled services as per their scheduled composition. However, there is a relative shortage of coaches vis-a-vis the demands for introduction of new trains and increase in frequency or extension of train services.
- (c) No, Madam. At present, there is no such proposal.
- (d) & (e) Do not arise.