

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ANSWERED ON**

IMPLEMENTATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS .

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Will the Minister of COAL RAILWAYS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether former Railway Minister had announced to increase the number of coaches upto 24, to double the number of unreserved coaches and to induct double decker coaches;
- (b) if so, the status of its implementation;
- (c) whether it is fact that these announcements have not been implemented so far; and
- (d) by when it would be fully implemented?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a) In the Budget announcement 2006-07, augmentation of popular trains upto 23-24 coaches, increase in number of unreserved second class coaches from four to six in new trains except fully reserved AC trains and to make efforts to start air-conditioned double decker trains, were made.
- (b) to (d) Attachment of coaches in trains is an ongoing process and a number of popular trains have been augmented upto 23/24 coaches keeping in view operational feasibility and commercial justification. New trains are introduced with at least 6 number of general class coaches except in special type trains like Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Garib Rath trains etc. Non-air conditioned double decker coaches are already running on Indian Railway. It has been planned to develop a suitable design and undertake manufacture of a prototype air conditioned double decker coach.