

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3350  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022**

**INTRODUCING ECONOMY CLASS COACHES**

**3350. MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:**

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

**(a) whether the Railways has rolled out its first AC three-tier economy class coach recently;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof and its main features;**

**(c) whether the facility to be provided in these economy class coaches would be at par with other AC three tier class coaches and if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) whether this economy class would be introduced in all routes and if so, the details thereof; and**

**(e) the other steps taken by the Government to provide more comfort to train passengers by developing world class infrastructure?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) Rail Coach Factory, Kaputhala rolled out first rake of 15 AC three-tier economy class coaches on 31.05.2021.**

**(b) & (c) Main features and improved facilities provided are as follows:**

**(i) Capacity of 83 berths as against 72 berths of AC three-tier coach.**

**(ii) Provided with one disabled friendly toilet.**

**(iii) AC ducting redesigned to provide individual AC vents for each berth.**

**(iv) Improved and modular design of seats & berths, foldable snack tables & water holders.**

**(v) Individual reading lights, mobile charging points with USB ports.**

**(vi) Improved fire safety furnishing compliant to EN 45545-2 HL3 standard.**

**(d) Subject to operational feasibility, traffic pattern & availability of Rolling Stock, induction of economy class coaches is being undertaken over Indian railways. As on 15.03.2022, 65 economy class coaches have been inducted over Indian Railways.**

**(e) (i) The Government has sanctioned High Speed Rail Corridor between Mumbai and Ahmadabad with financial and technical assistance from Government of Japan. The rolling stock to be used in the High speed Corridor will be state of art.**

**(ii) 02 Rakes of Vande Bharat Train sets are successfully running. 44 Rakes are under manufacturing. These trains are high speed fully air conditioned trains having passenger amenities like on board infotainment and GPS based passenger information system, CCTV, automatic sliding doors with retractable coach footsteps and Zero discharge vacuum based bio-toilets.**

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