

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3408
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2015**

MORE BERTHS IN AC THREE TIER

3408. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is an increase in demand for berths in AC Three tier coaches by railway passengers;**
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and**
- (c) the action taken/being taken by the Railways to make more AC three tier class coaches available to passengers?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The demand for berths in AC three tier coaches exceeds its availability. During the Financial Year 2014-15, the average occupancy in AC three tier coaches was more than 100%.

(c): Augmentation of trains, with a view to make additional accommodation available to passengers, is an on-going process on Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources. Accordingly, during 2014-15 and 2015-16 (up to 30th June, 2015) Indian Railways have utilised 169 AC-III tier coaches and 73 AC-III tier coaches respectively for augmentation of existing trains.
