

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3768  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2009**

**RAJDHANI EXPRESS BETWEEN NEW DELHI AND RANCHI**

**3768. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:**

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

- (a) whether she is aware that Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Ranchi running thrice a week has very old coaches;
- (b) whether she is looking to the need of connecting Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand with New Delhi for six days a week and also replacing the old coaches with new rakes/compartments;
- (c) whether the direct train between Ranchi and Mumbai runs only twice a week; and
- (d) whether there is any provision for running it on daily basis and if so, by when?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**(SHRI E. AHAMED)**

- (a) The codal life of passenger carrying coaches is 25 years. The age profile of coaches running presently in three rakes of Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Ranchi is as under:

Age (in years)	No. of coaches
0-5	0
6-10	8
11-15	19
16-20	9
21-25	0

- (b) At present, there is no proposal to increase the frequency of Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Ranchi.

The acquisition of new coaches for replacement of over-aged stock is an on-going activity for Indian Railways.

- (c) Train Nos.2811/2812 Hatia (Ranchi)-Lokmanya Tilak Terminus (Mumbai) Express (Bi-weekly) and 8609/8610 Ranchi-Lokmanya Tilak Terminus (Mumbai) Express (Weekly) provide direct service for Ranchi-Mumbai passengers.
- (d) At present, there is no such proposal.

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