

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2469  
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AIR BRAKE SYSTEM  
ASHOK KUMAR SINGH CHANDEL

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

- (a) whether passenger trains under various railway zones are run by the general vacuum and air brake system as on date;
- (b) if so, the number of passenger/mail and express trains run by general vacuum and air brake system, zone-wise;
- (c) whether the Government propose to convert the passenger mail/express trains running by the general vacuum system into air brake system;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds earmarked under the railway safety fund in this regard;
- (e) the time by which all the passenger mail/express trains are likely to be converted into the air brake system;and
- (f) if not, the purpose of having railway safety fund?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.
- (c) & (d): Indian Railways are converting vacuum brake system in coaches to air braked system in a phased manner subject to availability of resources. Railway safety fund is not meant for this purpose.
- (e): Conversion of existing Coaching stock of vacuum brake system to air brake is expected to be completed by March, 2005, subject to availability of resources.
- (f): Railway safety fund is utilised for replacement of overaged assets such as track, bridges, rolling stock etc.