

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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MANUFACTURING OF MODERN COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether high speed and modern coaches are built in Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Perambur, Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether those coaches can withstand speed of 150 kms. per hour;
- (c) if so, whether long distance trains will run with those coaches;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) No, Sir.

(b)to(d) Do not arise.

(e) Indian Railways have adopted technology from German Company M/S Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) (now ALSTOM LHB) for manufacture of light weight, high speed coaches. These coaches have extra earning potential as they can carry more passengers per coach, give better ride comfort and have enhanced safety features. Presently these coaches are provided in Mumbai-New Delhi Rajdhani Express and Lucknow Shatabdi trains and would be provided in other trains depending upon traffic requirements and availability of coaches.