

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:115
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2007
FIRE- RETARD ANT COACHES
Vijay Krishna Shri

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an agreement has been signed with the French Railways for building fire-retardant coaches;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time frame within which these coaches are likely to be put on the tracks?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 115 BY SHRI VIJOY KRISHNA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.11.2007 REGARDING FIRE - RETARDANT COACHES.

(a) to (c) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between the Ministry of Railways and French National Railways (SNCF) for promotion of co-operation in the Rail sector. While the MOU does not specifically identify technical assistance for manufacture of fire retardant coaches, one of the areas identified for obtaining technical expertise from SNCF is for acquiring a computer software customized to Indian conditions for simulated fire related studies in passenger carrying vehicles. Sanction of the Ministry of Railways has been accorded for acquiring this software from SNCF.