

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:371

ANSWERED ON:19.08.2010

SHORTAGE OF PASSENGER COACHES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the manufacturing capacity of rakes, wagons, locomotives and passenger coaches in all the existing railway production units in the country;
- (b) whether there is shortage of rakes, wagons, locomotives and passenger coaches in the country;
- (c) if so, the details of such shortage;
- (d) whether the Railways propose to double the existing fleet of wagons, locomotives and passenger coaches in the country by 2020;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Railways to bridge the gap between demand and supply of these items

Answer

ANSWER

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.371 BY SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL AND SHRI S.R.JEYADURAI, TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.08.2010 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF PASSENGER COACHES

(a) The present installed capacity of Integral Coach Factory, Chennai and Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala is 1000 coaches per annum each. The capacity of Diesel Locomotive Factory, Varanasi for diesel locomotives and Chittaranjan Locomotive Factory for electric locomotives is 150 locomotives per annum each. Wagons are predominantly manufactured by private and public sector units. Railway workshops at Amritsar, Samastipur, Jamalpur, Golden Rock and Hubli also supplement with a combined manufacture of over 1500 wagons per annum at present.

(b)&(c) The number of passengers carried by Indian Railways has gone up from 1.32 crores per day in 2000-01 to 1.92 crores per day in 2009-10, whereas the number of coaches has gone up from 42657 to 56967 in the same period. Additional coaches, wagons and locomotives are therefore required to meet the growing demand for transportation in the long term, and to better address pockets of unsatisfied demand in the short term.

(d)to(f) The Railways through its Vision 2020 document has envisaged to substantially increase its rolling stock fleet and has targeted to manufacture / acquire 289136 wagons, 9615 locomotives and 50880 coaches during 2009-10 to 2019-20. In order to bridge the gap between the likely demand and the current level of supply, a new Rail Coach Factory is being set up at Rae Bareilly. The process of setting up of locomotive factories at Marhowra and Madhepura and a coach factory at Kanchrapara through joint ventures is going on. The Government has approved the transfer of the administrative control of the two wagon manufacturing units of M/s. Burn Standard Co. Ltd. and M/s. Braithwaite Co. Ltd. to the Ministry of Railways and orders for wagons have already been placed on these units. In addition, new coach factories at Sankrail and Palghat, new wagon factories at Guwahati, Haldia, Barddhaman, Secunderabad and Kalahandi / Bhubaneswar and a refrigerated container factory at Budge Budge through JV/PPP/departamental modes are also being planned.