

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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COACHES IN LOCAL TRAINS  
Vishwanath Shri katti Ramesh

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

- (a) whether the Railways are aware of shortage of coaches in the local trains in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof zone-wise including Hubli zone and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Taking into account the unfulfilled demands for introduction of more local trains and need for augmentation of existing train services to cater to the increasing passenger traffic, there is a shortage of coaches on every zone including South Western Railway. However, there is no shortage of coaches for scheduled services for the present.

(c) To meet with requirement of coaches, the production capacity of the existing Railway production units has been augmented and orders for coach manufacture have also been placed on public and private sector firms.

As a part of the initiatives of Ministry of Railway to set up a series of rail-based industries, manufacturing of coaches at different locations have been planned in the last two years and also in the Budget 2011-12.