

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1967  
ANSWERED ON:11.08.2011  
COACHES RAILWAY SAFETY  
Dhruvanarayana Shri R.

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the modernisation of railway safety enhancement process has been delayed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Railways have timely been replacing over-aged coaches/wagons with the new ones; and
- (d) if so, the number of over-aged coaches/wagons replaced with new coaches during the last three years?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1967 BY SHRI DHRUVA NARAYANA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.08.2011 REGARDING COACHES/RAILWAY SAFETY

(a) & (b): No, Madam. All possible steps are undertaken on a continuing basis to modernize railway safety systems. These include timely replacement of over-aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for upgradation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, signalling and interlocking systems, etc. Modernization of the railway assets is a continuous process.

(c): Yes, Madam. Railways are regularly phasing out over aged coaches and wagons on age-cum condition basis and inducting new coaches and wagons of the required types.

(d): During the last three years, 2562 over aged Broad Gauge coaches and 7911 Broad Gauge wagons were phased out and 8195 new coaches and 37417 new wagons were inducted by the Indian Railways. During this period, 587 over aged EMU coaches have been condemned and replaced with new coaches.