

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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PERIODIC OVERHAULING OF TRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the periods of overhauling of passenger trains and goods trains have been increased;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any study has been undertaken to assess the effects thereof on the efficiency of trains; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): With a view to improve upon coach availability, frequency of Periodical Overhauling (POH) of ICF design coaches running in Mail/Express trains has been enhanced from 12 months to 18 months with an Intermediate Overhaul (IOH) at 9 months.

This enhancement of POH periodicity has been done after certain upgradations to the coach furnishings and undergear components.

As far as the wagons are concerned, there has been no increase in the frequency of overhauling in the recent past.

(c) & (d): This measure has led to an increased availability of coaches for traffic use without any adverse effect on safety, reliability and efficiency in train operations.