

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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CONDITION OF COACH

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

- (a) whether the Railways have received complaints about rats and cockroaches in passenger coaches particularly in AC compartments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways are taking any steps to improve the condition of coaches, especially in Kerala Bound trains; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Some references are received regarding presence of rats and cockroaches in trains.

With the objective of controlling this menace, based upon the experience gained through field trials by reputed agencies, Model guidelines have been advised to all the Railways for effective Pest and Rodent control in trains in coaching depot premises through Professional agencies.

(c) & (d): Regular maintenance and upkeep of all passenger coaches, including Kerala bound trains is carried out during laid down maintenance schedules in open line as well as periodical overhauls in the Railway Workshops. Special Drives are launched and surprise checks are conducted to monitor the passenger amenities in trains. The coaches are also given 'Mid-life' rehabilitation after 12-15 years of usage.