

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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REPLACEMENT OF LOCOMOTIVES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of locomotives presently in use in the country, category-wise, Diesel/Electric, etc.;
- (b) the number of over-aged locomotives still in use;
- (c) the steps being taken to replace these over-aged locomotives; and
- (d) the manner in which these over-aged locomotives are likely to be replaced?

Answer

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

- (a) The total number of mainline locomotives in use category-wise as on 01.04.2011 is as under:

Category	No. of locos
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Diesel	4215
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Electric	4079
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Total	8294
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- (b): As on 01.04.2011 there are 245 over-aged diesel locomotives and 79 over-aged electric locomotives in use on Indian Railways on condition basis.

Over-aged locomotives are not permitted to continue in service without mandatory safety checks. Even then, such locomotives are used only in inferior services such as shunting in yards and workshops.

(c) & (d): Renewal and replacement of old assets, which include locomotives, is a continuous process on Indian Railways. New locomotives are regularly being manufactured in the production units of Indian Railways, such as the Diesel Locomotive Works and Chittaranjan Locomotive Works. These new inductions not only meet the additional demand of locomotives but also replace the over-aged ones. At the same time, with every passing year additional locomotives cross the codal life and become over-aged, thus becoming candidates for replacements. Replacement of over-aged locomotives is therefore a continuous process. Locomotives are also acquired from Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. and Diesel Loco Modernisation Works and may be acquired from other sources in the future as they develop.