

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF LHB COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Committee on Railway Safety headed by Dr. Anil Kakodkar in its report has recommended manufacturing of Linke Holfmann Busch (LHB) coaches in all the Coach factories in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the Railways propose to produce LHB coaches and discontinue production of conventional coaches?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The High Level Safety Review Committee in its report (para 4.2.5-1) has recommended complete switching over to the manufacture of LHB design coaches in all the coach manufacturing units in India and stopping the manufacture of ICF design coaches.

(c) LHB coaches are already being produced by Railways and running in many trains. Their production is being gradually stepped up. Discontinuation of production of conventional coaches and complete switch over to LHB coaches will depend upon resource availability