

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Railways have set any time frame for replacement of old coaches in all the passenger trains in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to make the existing conventional coaches more safe; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Old coaches running in passenger trains are being replaced on attaining prescribed codal life. All the coaches presently running in passenger train services are within their permissible life.
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) Coach design and components are being upgraded from time to time to improve safety. Trials have been done with crash buffers provided at the coach ends which absorb collision energy minimising damage to passenger area.