

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4573
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OUTDATED LOCOMOTIVES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether railway accidents and derailments are occurring due to use of outdated and old engines/locomotives which are unable to run at high speeds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of accidents caused due to outdated locomotives/engines; and
- (c) the necessary steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam. Accident or derailments on account of locomotives are rare and even these do not occur just because a locomotive is outdated or overaged. Road worthiness of locomotives, irrespective of their age, is ensured through day to day upkeep and preventive maintenance. Unserviceable locos are condemned on age cum condition basis and are not allowed to remain in service.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.