

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4899  
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DEFECTS IN COACHES LOCOMOTIVES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of coaches and locomotives developing defects have increased in the recent times;
- (b) if so, the number of such coaches and locomotives developed defects during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Railways have conducted any study and analysis in this regard;
- (d) if so, the main findings thereof;
- (e) whether quality of coaches and locomotives produced/procured by the Railways is also one of the major factors for such defects;  
and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) There has been overall reduction in the number of coaches developing defects enroute and equipment failures on diesel locomotives.
- (c) & (d) Analysis of failures of coaches and locomotives is regularly being carried out and corrective and preventive action taken for continual improvement.
- (e) No, Madam. Coaches and locomotives being produced/ procured pass through stringent quality checks and inspections at various stages of its manufacture including prior to their final despatch from production units.
- (f) While quality of coaches and locomotives produced/procured do not form major factors for defects encountered in service, regular analysis of failures is being done and corrective and preventive action taken for continual improvement.