

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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OLD RAIL COACHES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the old rail coaches need to be upgraded; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Railways so far to upgrade the said coaches during the last three years?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Maintenance and upkeep of coaches is a continuing requirement and this is carried out periodically during laid down maintenance schedule in open line depots as well as periodic overhauls in the Workshops in Zonal Railways. Besides, the coaches are also given a 'Mid-life' rehabilitation after 12-15 years of usage to restore their conditions.