

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2495

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SHORTAGE OF COACHES AND WAGONS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are facing any shortage of coaches and wagons in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to meet the requirement;
- (c) whether any norms have been prescribed for replacement of coaches and wagons in the Railways and if so, the details thereof along with the details of coaches and wagons replaced during the last three years and the current year and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Railways proposes to replace all conventional coaches and wagons of all trains in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard;and
- (f) the details and the present status of setting up of new rail coach factories in the country, location-wise, including Maharashtra, Kerala and Uttar Pradesh along with those proposed to be set up in future?

Answer

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

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2495 BY SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL, SHRI C. RAJENDRAN, SHRI S.R. JEYADURAI, SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJI, SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV AND SHRI GAJANAN D. BABAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.02.2014 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF COACHES AND WAGONS.

(a) & (b) There is no shortage of coaches at present to run the existing notified trains with scheduled composition in the available infrastructure. Besides, Railways take special measures to run additional trains, augment popular trains to meet demand in peak rush season by deploying additional coaches from available resources. There is also no shortage of Wagons.

(c) Yes, Madam. The codal life of conventional type of Integral Coach Factory(ICF) design coaches is 25 years and Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) design Stainless Steel coaches are 35 years.

Productions of coaches in last three years are as under:-

Year	No. of coaches produced
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2010-11	3660
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2011-12	3637
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2012-13	4023
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2013-14 2614 (upto December 2013)

These are utilized against replacement and introduction of trains, augmentation and to run special trains. Also, the codal life of different type of wagons varies from 25 years to 40 years based on the design of wagons.

Number of wagon inducted in last three years & this year are as under:-

Year	No. of wagon inducted
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2010-11	16638
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2011-12	18357
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2012-13	16894
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2013-14	7840 (upto December 2013)
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These are utilized against replacement and commercial use.

(d) & (e) No, Madam. Coaches completing the permitted service life are withdrawn from passenger services by zonal railways. Prescribed maintenance scheduled at primary and secondary examination points and periodic overhauling in workshops are being followed for ensuring safety. Besides, enroute examination of coaches during run at designated stations is also done as preventive measures to ensure safety of coaches. Railways have been advised for locking of coaches whenever these are stabled in the yard, for long durations, for security purposes.

On completion of life period or codal life of a wagon, it is removed from service and condemned. Only departmental wagons have been permitted on few occasions for upto 50 years of service based on their condition with the approval of competent authority.

(f) Detail and present status of new Rail coach factories are as under:-

Rail Coach Factory at Raebareli

The factory has been inaugurated on 7th November, 2012 and 70 coaches have been turned out during the year, 2012-13. 52 coaches have been turned out during 2013-14 upto Dec., 2013.

Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) at Haldia

Infrastructure work has been completed for furnishing DEMU coaches on the shells being supplied by ICF. Shells being received from ICF are being taken up for furnishing.

Rail Coach factory at Palakkad

M/s RITES have been appointed as consultant for bid process management. Request for Qualification (RFQ) was floated on 09.09.2013 and has been opened on 5.12.2013. Work of Boundary wall & peripheral works at site has also started.

Rail Coach Factory at Kanchrapara

Rail Coach Factory at Kanchrapara in West Bengal: The Cabinet approved setting up of a new Rail Coach Manufacturing unit at Kanchrapara, West Bengal to manufacture 500/MEMU/Metro coaches per annum as a joint venture with the partner selected through international competitive bidding. Bidders have been short listed after pre-qualification for participation in the financial bid stage.

Main Line Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) at Bhilwara

Setting up of Mainline Electrical Multiple Unit (MEMU) coach manufacturing facility by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), at Bhilwara, Rajasthan: Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for setting up of Greenfield MEMU coach factory by BHEL for Indian Railways, has been signed on 25.02.2013. The site has been identified near Gulabpura town at 56 km from Bhilwara city. Government

of Rajasthan (GoR) has allotted 517 acres of land free of Cost to Ministry of Railways. MoU for transfer of land has been signed by Ministry of Railways and Govt. of Rajasthan on 21.09.2013.

Coach factories proposed to be set up

Rail Coach Factories at Kolar, Kutch, Sonapat have also been announced in the Railway Budgets. The progresses on these are at various stages of co-ordination with state governments and getting necessary approvals.