

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3725  
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FIRE RETARDANT COACHES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of progress made in the use of fire retardant material in the manufacturing of passenger coaches;
- (b) if so, the total number of coaches manufactured so far with the use of fire retardant material;
- (c) whether the old railway coaches are periodically renovated by the Railways;
- (d) if so, the total number of coaches renovated by the Railways during the last three years;and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Fire retardant materials are being provided in the interior furnishing of all the newly manufactured coaches.
- (b) There are around 60464 nos. of Broad gauge coaches presently in service which have been manufactured/acquired from different Production Units. Presently all coaches have been provided with fire retardant furnishing material.
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) Around 75674 coaches were given periodic overhauling in last three years.
- (e) During periodic overhauling of coaches in railway workshops, replacement of identified components, as per schedule and on condition basis, is carried out. Similarly, identified coaches on attaining 12-15 years of service life, are also given Mid life Rehabilitation in which furnishing materials are completely replaced with new ones alongwith major structural repairs.