

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4689  
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FUNCTIONING OF AGEING WAGONS IN RAILWAYS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that there are a number of ageing wagons which are still in operation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Item-wise and the steps taken by the Railways in this regard;
- (c) whether the Railways have started the construction of coach factory at Kanjikode, Palakkad in Kerala;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) As on 31.03.2014, out of a total air brake holding of 2,24,705 wagons, only 1197 (0.53%) overaged wagons are in operation. Replacement of overaged wagons on age-cum-condition basis is a continuous process.
- (c) to (e) Setting up of Rail Coach Factory at Palakkad has been sanctioned under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. Two stage bid process consisting of RFQ (Request for Qualification) & RFP (Request for Proposal) is to be followed for selection of the bidder. Interaction with prospective bidders has been completed on the likely new business model to have better response in the next round of RFQ.