

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 700  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.06.2019**

**LUXURIOUS COACHES**

**700. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether train passengers and tourists can now look forward to travelling in the state-of-the-art luxurious coaches having glass ceiling and equipped with infotainment system, similar to that in Switzerland;**
- (b) if so, whether the Railways proposes to introduce such indigenous luxurious coaches;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the objective and salient features thereof;**
- (d) the cost of these coaches and the manner in which the Railways will protect these coaches from any damage;**
- (e) the time by which these are likely to be introduced; and**
- (f) whether the Government is also considering export of these coaches and if so, the plan chalked out in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

- (a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Luxurious coaches with glass ceiling termed as Vistadome coaches having panoramic view have been introduced. Some of these coaches have infotainment system also.**

**13 such coaches are available on following sections of Indian Railways:**

- i) Dadar and Madgaon (1 coach)**
- ii) Araku Valley (1 coach)**
- iii) Kashmir Valley (1 coach)**
- iv) Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (4 coaches)**
- v) Kalka Shimla Railway (2 coaches)**
- vi) Kangra Valley Railway (1 coach)**
- vii) Matheran Hill Railway (1 coach)**
- viii) Nilgiri Mountain Railway (2 coaches)**

**These coaches have larger glass windows and good quality interiors.**

**(d): Cost of manufacture of a new Broad Gauge (BG) Vistadome coach is approximately ₹4 crores. The glass windows of the BG Vistadome coaches manufactured in Integral Coach Factory / Chennai have laminated glass sheets which will not shatter, Zonal Railways take necessary precautions wherever necessary during the operation of trains / coaches.**

**(e): Vistadome coaches are already running in service.**

**(f): No, Sir. Presently, no such proposal is received from any country.**