

Section	Route kms.
1. Balance work of-Sonnagar-Patratu	180
2. Gumia-Patratu	72
3. Balance work of-Delhi-Ambala-Indhians	270
4. Part of-Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam	250
5. Bandel-Katwa	105
6. Part of Erode-Palghat-Ernakulam	155
7. Bokaro Steel-Hatia	260
8. Branch lines	162
9. Part of-Siarampur-Mughalsarai	262

Repair of Coaches

2232. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of coaches have become old, outdated and damaged;

(b) if so, the estimated number of such coaches;

(c) the steps taken to repair and replace such coaches; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Some coaches which have crossed their useful life are being retained in service only after ensuring the requisite standards. The number of such coaches used for passenger traffic are as follows:-

	Nos.	% to total holding
BG	643	3%
MG	1237	18.8%

(c) and (d) Scheduled maintenance of coaching stock, including periodical overhaul, is laid down and all coaches undergo maintenance as per this,

Replacement of such coaches is a continuous process depending upon the techno-economic review and availability of stock from our Production Units.

Working Expenses/Earnings of Railways

2233. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the working expenses of Railways during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what income was earned by Railways during the same period;

(c) whether Railways are facing various problems as a result of widening gap between expenditure and income;

(d) whether due to this liquidity problem Railways have to borrow to pay salaries; and