

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2390
ANSWERED ON 17.12.2021

MAINTENANCE OF RAILWAY COACHES

2390. DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that during recent safety audits it has been found that several hundreds of railway coaches have not been overhauled or serviced and most of them are in wornout condition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has allocated any funds for the periodic overhauling / servicing / replacement of railway coaches and if so, the details thereof and the action taken / being taken in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to replace the old damaged and outdated rail coaches with new ones Post COVID-19 crisis?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. All the coaches running on Indian Railways (IR) are periodically overhauled as prescribed in maintenance manuals and instructions.

(c): IR provides adequate fund every year for periodic overhauling / repairs and maintenance of coaches. In year 2021-22, Rs. 11,263 crores have been allocated for overhauling / repairs of coaches and Rs. 14,338 crores for manufacturing of coaches for replacement / induction of new coaches over IR.

(d): Replacement of coaches on age-cum-condition basis is a continual process over IR. Systems are in place in order to ensure that passenger coaches that have completed their prescribed service life and are unfit for service, are not allowed in train service over IR.
