

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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DAMAGED AND UNHYGIENIC TRAIN COACHES IN KERALA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) actions being taken by Government to address the issue of damaged and unhygienic coaches in many of the passenger trains in Kerala;
- (b) the manner in which Government is monitoring and enforcing maintenance standards for train coaches; and
- (c) steps being taken to improve the overall quality and cleanliness of train coaches in Kerala and whether there is a specific timeline for the intended improvements ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) Improvement in quality and hygiene in coaches is a continuous process over Indian Railways. Indian Railways is now only manufacturing state of the art Vande Bharat and LHB coaches.

Indian Railways do not operate train services on State-wise basis, as railway network straddles across State boundaries. The state of Kerala is served by Southern Railway over which, 16 Vande Bharat services are presently being operated. Besides, about 100 ICF Rakes have been converted to LHB Rakes, other than introduction of new LHB rakes in Southern Railway.

Regular actions taken to ensure and improve proper maintenance quality and cleaning of coaches including passenger trains are as follows:

- Maintenance of coaches is carried at Coaching Depots/Terminals in line with laid-out detailed guidelines and standards prescribed by RDSO/CAMTECH. All the trains are also properly cleaned, watered during these activities.
- To facilitate the upkeep of the coaches during run On Board Housekeeping Service (OBHS) and Clean Train Stations (CTS) services are also provided for en-route attention.
- These are regularly monitored through nominated officials in Division/Depots & Workshop across Zonal Railways.
