

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1401**  
**ANSWERED ON 02.08.2024**

**UPGRADATION OF MATSYAGANDHA EXPRESS CONNECTING MUMBAI**

1401 SHRI JAGGESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that regular commuters of Matsyagandha Express, a lifeline connecting Mumbai with coastal regions of Udupi and Mangaluru, have raised their voices for a much needed upgradation of the train and its facilities;
- (b) whether despite its 25 years of service, the train remains outdated, with numerous complaints about its deteriorating condition;
- (c) whether there is a strong demand for the introduction of modern LBH coaches; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for delay in upgradation and the steps taken for upgradation of the train to ensure comfort and safety of passengers, details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Train services on Indian Railways are operated with coaches fit and safe for operation. Besides, replacement of services with LHB (Linke Hofmann Busch) coaches is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, availability of resources etc.

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