

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.190
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2023

REPLACEMENT OF TOY TRAIN ENGINES AND COACHES

*190 SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways is aware that Toy Train engines and coaches need urgent replacement as the condition of coaches is very poor;
- (b) whether previously, UNESCO has warned of poor condition of Himalayan Railways maintenance;
- (c) if so, the details of steps taken in this regard; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
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(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 190 BY SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 17.03.2023 REGARDING REPLACEMENT OF TOY TRAIN ENGINES AND COACHES

(a) to (d): Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR), Kalka Shimla Railway (KSR) and Nilgiri Mountain Railway (NMR) are the World Heritage Sites recognised by UNESCO. Replacement and renewal of assets is a continuous process on these railways. A Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP) framed along with UNESCO consultants lays down guidelines for asset maintenance on these scenic routes.

Railways have designed modern rolling stock for these Hill Railways. Since these are either narrow gauge or meter gauge, so, special design efforts have been made for these circuits. Simultaneously, Detailed Project Report is being prepared for complete upgradation of these circuits.
