

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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CONVERSION OF ICF RAKES INTO LHB RAKES IN SOUTHERN RAILWAY

2040. SHRI S. KALYANASUNDARAM:
SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the expected date for conversion of all Integral Coach Factory (ICF) rakes of Southern Railway into Link Hofmann Busch (LHB) rakes and the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b) To ensure improved safety and better travelling experience, Indian Railways, from the year 2018 onwards, have discontinued the production of ICF coaches and only Link Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches are being manufactured. Conversion of trains operating with ICF coaches into LHB coaches is being done in a phased manner, subject to operational feasibility, availability of rolling stock etc. Presently, there are 201 rakes of Southern Railway that are being utilized for operation of Mail/Express trains out of which 100 rakes are LHB.
