

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1101
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2023

MAINTENANCE OF TRAINS

1101 SHRI BINOY VISWAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) expenditure on maintenance of trains across the country, category-wise and year-wise;
- (b) number of trains functioning beyond their intended lifespan since 2019;
- (c) accidents and mishaps caused to passengers in trains and reasons identified by Government for such incidents;
- (d) number of complaints received by passengers against the working of trains, details thereof, year-wise; and
- (e) whether any study has been conducted on the functioning of fans, air conditioners and other amenities in trains?

ANSWER

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1101 BY SHRI BINOY VISWAM ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 28.07.2023 REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF TRAINS

- (a) The overall expenditure of Indian Railways in the repair & maintenance of locomotives, coaches & wagons during the last four years is as under:

(₹ in crore)

Category	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (Provisional)
Repairs and Maintenance of Motive Power (Locomotives)	6686.65	5719.89	5921.98	6709.42
Repair and Maintenance of Carriages (Coaches) and Wagons	16397.78	15670.86	16969.86	19733.39

- (b) No coach is allowed to operate beyond intended lifespan. Systems are in place to ensure that passenger coaches that have completed their prescribed service life or are unfit for service, are not deployed in train service over Indian Railways. It is also ensured that all safety and amenity fittings in the coaches are in good fettle.

- (c) Comparative position of consequential train accidents during the last four years are as under:

Year	Collision	Derailments	Level Crossing Accidents	Fire in trains	Misc. Accidents	Total
2019-20	5	40	1	8	1	55
2020-21 (Covid year)	1	17	1	3	0	22
2021-22 (Covid year)	2	27	1	4	1	35
2022-23	6	36	1	4	1	48

- (d) Indian Railways runs approximately 10,000 trains per day catering to approximately 1.7 Crore daily passenger-trips. In FY 2022-23 the number of complaints against the working of trains was 0.28/train/day with resolution of 99.96%.

- (e) Regular maintenance, monitoring and upkeep of all passenger coaches is carried out as per norms during laid down maintenance schedules including functioning of fans, air conditioner and other amenities in trains to ensure they remain in good condition. Any technical issue arising during the running of trains are resolved immediately by staff deployed on trains and at enroute stations.
