

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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REPLACEMENT OF ALL CONVENTIONAL COACHES IN EXPRESS AND MAIL TRAINS

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Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to replace all conventional coaches in all express and mail trains with India made and German developed Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches;
- (b) if so, details thereof including number of coaches which have so far been replaced; and
- (c) the salient features of such coaches and its safety for the passengers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) Conventional (ICF) coaches are being replaced by Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches. Since 2015, about 23000 conventional coaches have been replaced by LHB coaches. Salient features of LHB coaches include better ride quality index, Centre Buffer Coupler for enhanced safety and anti-climbing features, Axle mounted Disc brake system, Sturdy and Robust design to minimize damage and obviating capsizing of coaches during accidents, provision of Bio-toilets, Higher Seating Capacity, Large panoramic windows, FRP (Fibre Reinforced Plastic) panels in AC coaches, Microprocessor controlled AC etc.
