

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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WATER LEAKAGE IN TRAIN COACHES IN KERALA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government has noticed multiple incidents of water leakage in Train coaches in Kerala during rain;
- (b) the number of coaches which are newly inducted into the railways during the last five years, year-wise, zone-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to ensure the timely replacement of leaky old coaches in trains in Kerala which are in dilapidated condition?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (c) : The repair/replacement of coaches is carried out based on condition/completion of codal life. In addition, the following regular actions are also taken to ensure and improve proper maintenance quality of coaches:

- Maintenance of coaches is carried at Coaching Depots/Terminals in line with laid-out detailed guidelines and standards prescribed by RDSO/CAMTECH. All the trains are also properly cleaned, watered during these activities.
- To facilitate the upkeep of the coaches during run On Board Housekeeping Service (OBHS) and Clean Train Stations (CTS) services are also provided for en-route attention.
- These are regularly monitored through nominated officials in Division/Depots & Workshop across Zonal Railways.

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Besides, Indian Railways has proliferated technologically superior LHB coaches with better riding, improved aesthetics and features like Lightweight design, Anti climbing arrangement, Air suspension (Secondary) with failure indication system, less corrosive shell etc., as compared to the conventional ICF coaches.

Production of LHB coaches during 2014-24 vis a vis 2004-14 is as under:

Period	LHB coaches manufactured
2004-14	2,337 nos.
2014-24	36,933 nos. (nearly 16 times)

Accordingly, all ICF rakes are planned to be replaced with LHB rakes in phases. So far, more than 1245 ICF rakes have been replaced with LHB coaches. Further, Indian Railways has also introduced Vande Bharat & Amrit Bharat trains with further enhanced safety features and passenger amenities.
