

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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MANUFACTURING OF 10,000 NON-AC COACHES FOR INDIAN RAILWAYS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed to manufacture 10,000 non-AC coaches including general classes and sleeper classes;
- (b) if so, when was the decision taken to manufacture 10,000 non-AC coaches including general classes and sleeper classes;
- (c) the details of exact number of coaches that have been produced as on date; and
- (d) tentative timeline by when Government will complete the manufacturing process of 10,000 non-AC coaches including general classes and sleeper classes?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (d) Indian Railways has been undertaking production of different types of coaches including non-AC as per traffic requirements. To give a boost to the needs of general public, production plans for enhanced production for more than 17,000 non-AC coaches has been formulated.

In addition to above, to provide greater accommodation for the passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper Coaches, the extant policy regarding composition of Mail/Express trains provides for 12 General class & Sleeper class non-AC coaches and 08 AC-Coaches, in a train of 22 coaches, thereby providing greater accommodation for the passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper Coaches.

Apart from Mail/Express trains, Indian Railways also operate unreserved non-AC passenger trains/MEMU/EMU etc. for affordable short-distance travel.

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Presently, there are about 79,000 coaches being utilized for running train services. The details are as under:

Class	No. of coaches
General and Non-AC Sleeper	~56,000 (70% of total)
AC coaches	~23,000
Total	~79,000

During the current financial year till 23rd March, about 4,250 non-AC coaches including general and sleeper class coaches have already been manufactured in different production units of Indian Railways. Further, with a view to augment the accommodation and for the benefit of passengers travelling in unreserved coaches, about 1200 General Class coaches have been attached in the Mail/Express trains operating with LHB coaches during the current financial year 2024-25.

The number of coaches to be manufactured and resultant timelines depend upon various factors including traffic requirements, rake conversion plan and train composition, etc.
