

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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**CONVERSION OF DECOMISSIONED COACHES INTO MOBILE LIBRARIES
OR CLASSROOMS**

2351 SMT. SUDHA MURTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has considered converting decomissioned railways coaches into mobile libraries or classrooms to encourage reading habits and support education in rural areas and slums; and
- (b) if so, details of any proposals, pilot initiatives or coordination with the Ministry of Education or State Governments to take this idea forward?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b) The proposal of converting decommissioned railway coaches into mobile libraries or classrooms is a good idea which will encourage reading habits and support education. So far, no proposal for such conversion has been received.

While considering the implementation of such an initiative, two important aspects merit attention. First, regular maintenance of these coaches would be essential to ensure they remain safe and suitable for public use. Second, it is important to clarify that decommissioned coaches are not fit for movement and therefore cannot be used as mobile units.
