

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 60
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.11.2016**

OLD COACHES

60. SHRI INNOCENT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether old coaches that have outlived their utility, are widely deployed in express trains across the country, posing a major safety issue;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of coaches which are more than twenty years old and are still being deployed in trains, zone-wise;**
- (c) the reasons for delay in replacement of old coaches; and**
- (d) the corrective steps taken by Railways in this regard?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 60 BY SHRI INNOCENT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.11.2016 REGARDING OLD COACHES

(a): No, Madam. Passenger coaches that have outlived their utility are not deployed in express trains. The prescribed codal life of ICF (Integral Coach Factory) type of coaches is 25 years and that of LHB (Linke Hofmann Busch) type of coaches is 35 years. Replacement of coaches on age-cum-condition basis is a continual process.

(b): As per the holding of coaches as on 31.03.16, the number of coaches more than 20 year old that are still being deployed in trains, zone-wise, is as under:

Zonal railway	Number of coaches which are more than twenty years old and deployed in trains
Central Railway	718
Eastern Railway	757
East Central Railway	375
East Coast Railway	223
Northern Railway	821
North Central Railway	183
North Eastern Railway	232
North Frontier Railway	228
North Western Railway	239
Southern Railway	752
South Central Railway	591
South Eastern Railway	458
South East Central Railway	98
South Western Railway	423
Western Railway	536
West Central Railway	105
Total	6739

All these coaches are within the prescribed codal life of 25/35 years as mentioned in (a) above.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Replacement of old coaches by new coaches are done regularly on case to case basis depending upon condition and codal life of old coaches. This is an on-going exercise.
