

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5095  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2017**

**SHORTAGE OF PASSENGER COACHES**

**†5095. SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether there is shortage of passenger coaches in the country and the use of old faulty passenger coaches pose danger to the life of passengers and staff;**

**(b) if so, the estimated number of shortage of passenger coaches as on date and the details of such faulty passenger coaches the life of which has expired but are still being and the reasons therefor;**

**(c) whether the Government proposes to set up any other manufacturing plant to manufacture passenger coaches; and**

**(d) if so, the details and the current status thereof?**

**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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5095 BY SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.04.2017 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF PASSENGER COACHES**

**(a) No, Madam. Systems have been put in place on Indian Railways in order to ensure that life expired defective passenger coaches are not allowed in train service. The replacement of coaches on age-cum-condition basis is a continual process.**

**Presently, adequate numbers of coaches are available with Zonal Railways for running passenger carrying trains to their scheduled compositions.**

**(b) Does not arise.**

**(c) & (d) Total five new coach factories have been planned as under:-**

**(i) Three new Coach manufacturing factories are sanctioned to manufacture 1180 coaches per year.**

<b>Type of factory</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>Rail Coach Factory</b>	<b>Palakkad, Kerala</b>	<b>The work is yet to start.</b>
<b>Rail Coach Factory</b>	<b>Kolar, Karnataka</b>	<b>The work is yet to start.</b>
<b>DMU Factory, Haldia, Phase-II</b>	<b>Haldia, West Bengal</b>	<b>The work is yet to start.</b>

**(ii) Two new Coach Factories with following details:-**

<b>Type of factory</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>Rail Coach Factory</b>	<b>Kanchrapara</b>	<b>500 coaches per annum</b>	<b>RFQ process has been completed and bidders have shortlisted for participation in the RFP stage.</b>
<b>MEMU Coach Factory</b>	<b>Bhilwara</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>In view of changed requirement of MEMU coaches, the matter is being revisited</b>