

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1479
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017**

DEMAND OF COACHES AND RAKES

1479. SHRI DILIP PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken to fulfill the required demand of railway passenger coaches and rakes for trains and status thereof; and

(b) whether a large number of coaches of trains are still in operation even after expiry of their life span and if so, the number thereof and the measures taken for their replacement?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) Requirement of coaches in Indian Railways is determined on the basis of requirement for new train services, augmentation of existing services, over-aged arising of coaches etc. The acquisition against the requirement is made through in-house production of Coach Production Units and also from other Coach manufacturing industries through trade.

(b) There are no over-aged coaches running in passenger services on Indian Railway Trains. Coaches are withdrawn from passenger services after completion of codal life.

However, regarding EMU coaches and Kolkata Metro coaches, as on date 121 EMU coaches and 67 Kolkata Metro coaches have completed their codal life. As per codal provision, the prescribed life is only for the purpose of general guidance to make broad assessments for planning and replacement, coaches however are condemned and withdrawn from service only on the basis of condition and intensity of utilization. These coaches are in operation by maintaining them in good fettle during periodic schedule.

These coaches are planned to be replaced on age cum condition basis on the receipt of newly built coaches from Railway production unit & trade for which three year production program for year 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 has been issued.
