

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.66  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2018**

**COACHES IN TRAINS**

**†\*66. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government/ Railways is considering to increase the number of coaches in trains by removing the cap of 24 coaches in passenger trains;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Indian Railways has high capacity locomotive engines;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Government/Railways is also considering to improve the present infrastructure for the above purpose and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.66 BY SHRI RAKESH SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2018 REGARDING COACHES IN TRAINS**

**(a) & (b): At present, trains having coaches with screw coupling are permitted to run up to 24 coaches and trains having coaches with Center Buffer Coupler (CBC) are technically permitted to run up to 26 coaches.**

**(c): Yes, Madam. High Capacity Locomotives are available over Indian Railways.**

**(d): The details of High Capacity Locomotives available are as under:**

**(i) Diesel Locomotives:**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Horse Power</b>	<b>Max. Speed</b>
<b>WDP-4</b>	<b>4000 HP</b>	<b>160 KMPH</b>
<b>WDP4-B</b>	<b>4500 HP</b>	<b>140 KMPH</b>
<b>WDP4-D</b>	<b>4500 HP</b>	<b>140 KMPH</b>

**(ii) Electrical Locomotives:**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Horse Power</b>	<b>Max. Speed</b>
<b>WAP-5</b>	<b>5440 HP</b>	<b>160 KMPH</b>
<b>WAP-7</b>	<b>6120 HP</b>	<b>140 KMPH</b>

**At present, in the fleet of Indian Railways, there are 528 Electric Locomotives and 638 Diesel Locomotives capable of hauling longer length passenger trains. If required, enhanced powering can be provided through multiple locomotive operation.**

**(e): Improvement in Infrastructure is an ongoing process which is undertaken as per operational requirement, commercial justification and technical feasibility. The works for increase in the length of platform/maintenance sidings, loop length and commensurate signaling are undertaken depending upon the commercial justification and technical feasibility of upgrading ground resources.**

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