

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4227
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2018**

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS DUE TO SHORTAGE OF COACHES

4227. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether passenger/express trains, originating from Karnataka to distant destinations have often been delayed or cancelled in recent months due to dearth of rakes or coaches and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether non-availability of sufficient number of coaches and absence of a centre in Kerala for repair of coaches is one of the main reasons for delays and cancellations and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways will make more coaches available and establish a coach repair yard for the railway divisions in Karnataka to avoid repetition of such lapses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) No, Madam. No Passengers/Mail Express trains have been cancelled originating from Karnataka in recent month due to non-availability of rakes/coaches.

(b) There is no shortage of coaches for operation of scheduled trains on Indian Railways including Southern Railway (Kerala is served under Southern Railway). The requirement of coaches for running of existing trains, replacement against condemnation and coaches for introduction of new trains are regularly met by Railway Board allotments and supplies from Production Units. In Kerala maintenance depots are available at Kochuveli, Trivandrum, Ernakulam and Shoranur etc. to cater to the requirement of repair of coaches maintained in that region.

(c) & (d) The prescribed infrastructure for maintenance of coaches is available in the coach maintenance depots of Southern Railway. For the present pattern of trains and additional trains proposed for 2018-19, the existing coaching depots are sufficient.
