

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2905  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.07.2019**

**STANDARDIZING TRAINS**

**2905. SHRI HIBI EDEN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to standardize trains in terms of number of coaches so that all trains can run on all routes;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether this would lead to any excess financial burden on Railways;**
- (d) if so the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Railways has selected any routes or trains for the purpose on a pilot basis; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) & (b) With a view to improving utilization of coaching stock, ensuring punctual running of trains, releasing maintenance slots and improving turn-around time, Indian Railways undertakes standardization /rationalizing of rakes, which is an on-going process. However, since the composition of trains are dependent on factors like nature of service, timings of service, route, clientele, etc., running of all trains with standardized composition is not feasible.**

**(c) & (d) In some cases, upgradation of infrastructural facilities like lengthening of platform/pit line etc., may be needed. However, this expenditure is required to get benefits of standardization which are enumerated above.**

**(e) & (f) No, Sir. The practice relating to standardization of rakes is applicable to all routes and is not restricted to specific routes/trains.**