GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3273
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023

REPLACING CONVENTIONAL COACHES BY LHB COACHES

3273. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to replace all conventional coaches with the light-weight Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the manner in which allocation of LHB coaches to various divisions of Railways are done;

(c) the details of LHB coaches so far allotted to various divisions of Railways;

(d) the number of LHB coaches put into service, so far, in the Central Railway, which has the largest number of conventional coaches in the country;

(e) the mechanism by which the Railways disposes of old coaches;

(f) the details of the old coaches disposed of and auctioned by the Government during the last ten years; and

(g) the details of funds raised through such auctions?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (g) With a view to provide safer and more comfortable journey to the travelling passengers, trains operating with Integral Coach Factory (ICF) coaches are being replaced by Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches, in a phased manner across all Zonal Railways including Central Railway, which is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility and availability of resources etc. Out of the total 31768 LHB coaches available with Zonal Railways, 2259 LHB coaches have been allotted to Central Railway.

Old coaches, after being declared condemned, are disposed of/ sold to the highest bidder through public auction on "e-Auction" module of Indian Railways E-Procurement System (IREPS) website. During the last ten years the total number of 22050 old condemned coaches were disposed of through e-Auction; and the total fund of approximately ₹ 960.44 crores was raised therefrom.

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