

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.584
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.11.2019**

REPLACEMENT OLD COACHES BY LHB COACHES

584. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the trains originating from Kerala that have been converted to Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches;**
- (b) whether most of the long distance trains originating from Kerala are having dilapidated and refurbished coaches; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time bound action plan that has been initiated to replace these old coaches by LHB coaches?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

- (a) Indian Railways do not run trains on State-wise basis as the rail network transcends state boundaries. As such conversion/ introduction of trains with LHB stock is also not undertaken on State-wise basis. However, 23 pairs of trains origination /terminating in the stations located in the State of Kerala are running with LHB coaches.**
- (b) Coaches deployed on trains running over Indian Railways including those serving Southern Railway, which caters to the State of Kerala, are within their respective codal life and fit for operation.**
- (c) With a view to provide safer and more comfortable journey to the travelling passengers, it has been decided to proliferate/induct modern Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches and convert trains operating with conventional coaches by LHB coaches, in a phased manner.**
