GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1373 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2022

REMOVAL OF ICF BOGIES

† 1373. SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the types of bogies that are currently being used in trains;
- (b) whether the process to remove Integrated Coach Factory (ICF) bogies in trains has started;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any time limit has been fixed to remove the said bogies; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a): Presently, Indian Railways is running most of the trains with Integrated Coach Factory (ICF) design and Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) design bogies.

(b) & (c): ICF type coaches equipped with ICF bogie are being phased out as per arising.

Indian Railways has stopped manufacturing of ICF type coaches designed on ICF type Bogie since Apr 2018.

Trains running with ICF Coaches with ICF design bogies are being replaced mostly by LHB coaches. LHB coaches have better safety features with features like Anti climbing arrangement and less corrosive shell. These coaches have better riding and aesthetics also as compared to the conventional ICF coaches.

As on 03.02.2022, 799 rakes running with ICF type coaches have been replaced by rakes of LHB coaches.

(d) & (e): Conversion of trains operating with conventional ICF design coaches by LHB coaches is an on-going process, subject to requirement and Production of new coaches. These conventional ICF design coaches are being converted into LHB coaches in a phased manner.

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