

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4430
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022**

REPLACEMENT OF COACHES

4430. SHRI SURESH KUMAR KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is planning to replace the coaches of Kalka-Shimla heritage train and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether it is likely to increase the speed of the train and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the likely impact on the cost of the journey as a result thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) Manufacture of 30 Narrow Gauge (NG) Vistadome coaches has been taken up for Kalka-Shimla Railway with upgraded state-of-the-art passenger interface areas through modifications in the super structures without modifying the essential subsystems like bogies, brakes, couplers etc. In addition to this, manufacture of NG Diesel Hydraulic Multiple Unit (DHMU) 3-car formation for Kalka-Shimla section has also been taken up. Replacement of rolling stock on railways is a continuous process.

(b) Operational speed may go up to 30 km/h with the new Rolling stock.

(c) As per extant instructions, Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs) are empowered to decide the fares of train services available over Hill Railway under their jurisdiction. The fare of new coaches is decided on the basis of amenities and facilities provided in the coaches as and when such coaches are placed in service.
