

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3121
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2025**

OBSERVATION CAR/INSPECTION CAR/SALOON

†3121. DR. MANNA LAL RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Observation Car/Inspection Car/Saloon is being used by Railways;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof across the country, division-wise;**
- (c) the name of authorities of the Railways who are competent to use the said system;**
- (d) the time by which this system was started;**
- (e) whether this system is still useful keeping in view of the present democratic and result-oriented public enterprise system, if so, the views of the Government in this regard;**
- (f) whether it is a fact that the Railway's Gold Pass, according to which senior Railway officials along with their families are enabled to travel by train throughout the year, also uses the said Observation Car/Inspection Car or Saloon; and**
- (g) if so, whether the Government proposes to review this arrangement?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) to (g) Inspection Carriages are used by authorised officials to undertake their journey for inspection.**

Presently, 352 Inspection Carriages are available on Indian Railways.

The travel authority/passes permit travel of family members while on duty, as per Railway Servant Pass Rules.

Inspection Carriages are essential requirement for Field Inspections.

Standing instructions direct Railway Officers to use Inspection Carriages for inspection purpose only.
