

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 498
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025**

HERITAGE TRAINS IN THE COUNTRY

498. DR. HEMANT VISHNU SAVARA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any steps have been taken/are being taken by the Government to support the preservation and operation of coal-fired steam engines as heritage trains in the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of the plan of the Government to expand the use of coal-fired steam engines as heritage trains for the coming generation along with new routes or regions being considered;**
- (c) the details of the funding provided during the last three years by Railway to restore and preserve coal-fired steam engines for use as heritage trains;**
- (d) whether the Government has a strategy similar to Nilgiri Mountain Railway (NMR) Southern Railway to manufacture new coal-fired steam engines for other railway zones and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the details of the zones for which these coal-fired steam engines are to be produced along with the routes in these zones on which new coal-fired steam-engine trains proposed to be operated?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (e) At present, coal-fired steam engines are working in UNESCO accredited Mountain Railways, seasonal steam hauled trains and in charters in association with IRCTC.

Budget allocation (in crore) for repairs and maintenance of Steam locomotive during last three years is as under:

2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
₹12.98 Cr	₹14.26 Cr	₹17.25 Cr

Further, a work of developing maintenance facilities for heavy repairs of Heritage Rolling Stock at Steam Loco Heritage Shed, Rewari has been sanctioned recently at a cost of ₹9.99 Cr.

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