

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4225
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2026**

MANUFACTURING OF TRAIN COACHES

4225. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of railway coaches manufactured in the country during the last five years, year and manufacturing unit-wise;**
- (b) the details of the public sector units and private companies authorised/sanctioned to manufacture railway coaches in the country particularly for Andhra Pradesh, State/UT and location-wise;**
- (c) the details of the funds allocated, sanctioned, released and utilised for setting up, expansion and modernisation of railway coach manufacturing facilities during the last five years particularly for Andhra Pradesh, year and State-wise; and**
- (d) whether any skill development and training initiatives have been undertaken to create a skilled workforce for railway coach manufacturing and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d) Presently, coaches are being manufactured in Indian Railways' three operational coach manufacturing units viz. Integral Coach Factory/Chennai, Rail Coach Factory/Kapurthala and Modern Coach Factory/Rae bareli. These units are manufacturing a wide range of passenger rolling stock including mainline LHB coaches, train sets like Vande Bharat, Namoo Bharat, Rapid and Regional Metro rakes, Kolkata Metro Rakes, Amrit Bharat trains etc.

Apart from Railway's own units, presently Public Sector Units like BEML are also engaged in manufacture of Vande Bharat Sleeper & LHB General/ Sleeper class coaches etc. Similarly, Vande Bharat Sleeper Trainsets are also being manufactured by the technology partners for Indian Railways.

During last five years i.e 2020-21 to 2024-25, 31414 coaches have been manufactured in various coach manufacturing units of the country including BEML. This includes LHB coaches which forms the major portion of coach population.

Production of LHB coaches during the period 2014-25 vis-à-vis 2004-14 is as under:

Period	LHB coaches manufactured
2004-14	2,337 nos.
2014-25	42,677 nos. (more than 18 times)

Setting up cost of coach manufacturing units varies depending upon factors such as location, type of coaches proposed to be manufactured, planned production capacity, and the machinery and plant to be installed. Expenditure on the development of a coach manufacturing units is incurred over extended periods and across multiple phases covering the initial setting up of the units as well as subsequent up gradation and augmentation of the facilities from time to time. For example, the expenditure incurred on the setting up of the latest operational coach manufacturing unit- Modern Coach Factory, Rae bareli is Rs. 3,042.83 crore.

Further, Rs. 2443 Cr has been sanctioned for various projects related to the upgradation/ augmentation of the three operational coach manufacturing units viz. Integral Coach Factory, Chennai, Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala, and Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli over a period of time.

Establishment of new manufacturing unit at Kazipet has also been taken up at a cost of Rs. 521.36 Crs wherein manufacture of Mainline Electric Multiple Units (MEMU) rakes has been planned.

As regards skill development, Indian Railways have a comprehensive training ecosystem which provides for different sets of training interventions at various stages of career to ensure skilling, re-skilling and up-skilling of Railway Employees. To make this possible, elaborate infrastructure has been developed by the Indian Railways in form of training centres across Zonal Railways and Production Units.

Detailed training modules as per prescribed periodicity are available for respective categories at initial and promotional stages along with refresher courses as well as specialized training courses, laying emphasis on practical aspects which help the employees in skill upgradation and assimilation with related advanced technology. These modules are also updated keeping in view the technological changes in working practice.

Further, with a view to ensure structured and systematic training on coach manufacturing, concerned employees are provided training as per detailed training modules which cover various aspects relevant to that field. The modules include exposure to fabrication techniques, welding processes, bogie systems, electrical etc. required for coach production.

Besides, Indian Railways also conducts Apprenticeship Training Programme at its various units like Production Units, Workshops, Loco Sheds, Carriage and Wagon Depots etc under the provisions of Apprentices Act, 1961, which also contributes to skill development in trades such as fitter, welder, electrician and machinist.
