GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1807 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2015

GERMAN COACHES

†1807. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had formulated a scheme to introduce German technology based passenger coaches in all mail and express trains in place of indigenously manufactured ICF coaches in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the use of German technology based passenger coaches will help to minimise damage and the loss of lives in an event of accident; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

- (a) No, Madam. While no specific scheme has been formulated to introduce German technology based passenger coaches in all Mail and Express trains in place of indigenously manufactured ICF coaches in the country, it is being undertaken in a phased manner on case-to-case basis.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) German technology based LHB (Linke Hofmann Bush) have a crashworthy and anti-climbing design with a strong bogie to body connection which helps minimize damage and the loss of lives in event of accidents, when compared with ICF design coaches.
