

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.10  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.02.2016**

**SHORTAGE OF COACHES**

**\*10. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:  
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any policy/ guidelines/ standard operating procedure has been drawn with respect to standards of coaches and wagons in the Railways, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the standard of coaches of long distance trains are generally not commensurate with the travelling distance, as most of them are refurbished old coaches;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether short distance trains are provided with new coaches, and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether the Southern Zonal railways is facing acute shortage of coaches and the projected demand of coaches hardly met; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the remedial action being taken in the matter?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)**

**(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 10 BY SHRI V. ELUMALAI AND SHRI  
JAGDAMBIKA PAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.02.2016  
REGARDING SHORTAGE OF COACHES.**

**(a): Coaches and wagons are used in train service only if they are  
fit as per laid down standards.**

**(b): No, Madam.**

**(c): Does not arise.**

**(d): No, Madam. All trains are attached with coaches after being  
properly examined and found fit.**

**(e) & (f): No, Madam. Presently, adequate numbers of coaches have  
been provided to all zonal railways including Southern Railway for  
running passenger carrying trains to their scheduled compositions  
which is considered sufficient for the present level of traffic. During  
the current financial year, the production of coaches is  
commensurate with the projected requirement as planned.**

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