

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2958
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.05.2016**

PAINTING OF RAIL COACHES

2958. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has any proposal to change the colour of coaches and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the amount spent by the Railways for painting of rail coaches during the last three years, zone/year-wise and also likely to be incurred during the current financial year;**
- (c) the efforts taken to improve the life span of colour and to minimize the expenditure on colouring;**
- (d) whether it is also proposed to set up Railway Design Centre; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2958 BY SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G. TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.05.2016 REGARDING PAINTING OF RAIL COACHES

(a): No, Madam. However for certain special coaches/train service, different color schemes are evolved from time to time.

(b): The amount spent by Zonal Railways and Production Units for painting of rail coaches during the last three years and likely expenditure in current financial year is as under:

2013-14 (in ₹ crores) (approx.)	2014-15 (in ₹ crores) (approx.)	2015-16 (in ₹ crores) (approx.)	2016-17 (likely expenditure) (in ₹ crores) (approx.)
354.02	378.53	423.42	482.68

(c): Polyurethane paints, having longer service life than alkyd paints, are now being used in newly manufactured coaches. Further, special additives are also specified in the technical specification of paints to improve life. To minimize cost, wastage is controlled through use of Airless spray guns and various productivity improvement measures.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Ministry of Railways, New Delhi and National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad on 10.04.15 for setting up of a Railway Design Centre (RDC) by NID at their campus in Ahmedabad for collaboration in identified fields of design relevant to rail transport and allied activities.