

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN COACHES PRODUCTION
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of passenger and express trains increased in Ninth Plan period, year-wise;
- (b) the corresponding increase in the number of coaches during the said period;
- (c) whether absence in the increase in coaches has resulted in over use of the available stock with a drastic effect on their health and efficiency; and
- (d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to increase production of coaches in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

- (a): Trains are not introduced Plan wise but on an yearly basis depending upon public demand, traffic justification, operational feasibility and availability of resources.
- (b): The passenger coach holding has increased from 30,002 as on 31.03.1997 to 34360 as on 31.03.2.
- (c): No, Sir. The average coach utilization has increased by 6.35% over the period from 31.03.1997 to 31.03.2002. The coach holding has increased by 14.52% over the same period. The health of coaches has not been adversely affected by increase in the utilisation.
- (d): Does not arise.