

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:58
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2003
DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF RAILWAY COACHES
PADAMSEN CHAUDHARY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the dilapidated condition of the Railway coaches of metre gauge line;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to replace such coaches to mitigate the difficulties of the railway passengers; and
- (c) the time by which new coaches are likely to be introduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 58 BY SHRI PADAM CHOUDHRHY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.02.2003 REGARDING DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF RA COACHES.

(a) to (c): As a result of progress of gauge conversion, some metre gauge (MG) sections have got locked up temporarily due to which some overaged coaches had to be continued in service duly ensuring complete safety. This has affected the condition of coaches to some extent, but corrective action has been taken by manufacturing new coaches and arranging support of overhauling workshops in locked up sections by transshipping the coaches. Further, Railways have recommended production of metre gauge coaches with effect from the year 2000-01 and total 299 Nos. Metre Gauge coaches have been introduced from April 2000 to January 2003. Such need-based production of Metre Gauge coaches shall be continued.