

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAY SALOONS  
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

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

- (a) the number of Railway saloons, inspection carriage, special observation cars and tourist cars in Indian Railways:
- (b) the annual expenditure incurred thereon, separately;
- (c) the utility thereof; and
- (d) the income earned therefrom, separately?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) There are 557 Railway Saloons which includes 424 Inspection Carriages, 8 Special Observation Cars and 125 Tourist Cars as on 31.03.1999.
- (b) In the present Budgetary system, fund provision is made for `Carriages` as a whole in the Budget and not for a particular type of Coach/Saloon and accordingly the expenditure incurred is also accounted for in a similar manner.
- (c) Inspection Carriages are used for movement of Railway Officers for inspection of stations, track and rolling stock during the run, running sheds, depots, yards etc. and also for stay at way-side stations during emergencies. Both Tourist Cars and other Saloons are available for public on payment of required tariff.
- (d) No separate earning figures are maintained for Tourist Cars.