

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4315  
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STEAM LOCOMOTIVES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of steam locomotives presently in working conditions in the Railways, Zone-wise;
- (b) whether some of the steam locomotives are not in operation and are kept as national heritage;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Railways to preserve those locomotives?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU )

- (a) As on date, 29 steam locomotives are working on Indian Railways in different zones as under:

Railway	Nos. of locos
Central	= 01
Northern	= 04
Northeast Frontier	= 15
Southern	= 07
National Rail Museum	= 02

- (b) to (d): Yes, Sir. Considering the heritage value of steam locomotives, some locomotives have been displayed for posterity in the Rail Museums, Zonal/Divisional Railway Headquarters and public places. In addition, some of the steam locomotives are also under rehabilitation, to make them functional.