

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:316
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2006
FIRE PROOF COACHES
Kanodia Shri Mahesh Kumar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that fire break often causes accidents in trains;
- (b) if so, whether the Railways are considering to make the interior of rail coaches fire proof; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.316 BY SHRI MAHESH KANODIA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.11.2006 REGARDING FIRE PROOF COACHES

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) : Yes, Sir. With a view to enhance safety against fire in passenger trains, Indian Railways are continuously improving material used in coaches to make them more and more fire retardant and less toxic in the event of burning to reduce chances of damage caused by fire. Some of the important items so upgraded are as under :

1. Curtain cloth of AC Coaches.
2. Compreg board for coach flooring.
3. Seat upholsteries.
4. FRP Modular toilets.
5. Natural Fibre Thermoset Composite sheet and Asbestos free limpet sheets for roof ceiling.
6. Laminated sheets for paneling.
7. PVC flooring.
8. Densified thermal bonded polyster blocks/PU foam for seats and berths.