

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:397  
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2006  
REQUIREMENT OF SPECIAL COACHES  
Jagannath Dr. M.

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the annual requirement of air conditioned and other coaches;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the public sector factories are able to fulfil the requirement of the Railways;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, how the Railways plan to meet the requirement of coaches?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A total of 2821 coaches have been planned for acquisition in 2006-07 including AC coaches.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) In addition to 2736 coaches expected to be procured from the Railways? own Production Units i.e. Integral Coach Factory (ICF) and Rail Coach Factory (RCF) and from the public sector entity i.e. Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML), 85 coaches are expected to be procured from the private sector in 2006-07.
- (e) Requirement of coaches is expected to substantially rise in future due to a surge in passenger demand. As an immediate measure, works to enhance capacity of ICF and RCF have been sanctioned.