

(b) whether Railways take care so that long distance trains of Orissa get good compartments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Coaches with a prescribed life and following a uniform pattern of maintenance and periodicity of overhaul are used in Passenger services on Indian Railways. There is no distinction based on 'Region' or 'State' while forming the rakes for different Trains.

MEMU train for Kerala

4739. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are going to introduce MEMU (Mainline Electrical Multiple Unit) service in Kerala;

(b) the stations between which it will run and the date from which it would start;

(c) whether Kollam-Trivandrum sector is not included in the first phase; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) The trains in Indian Railways are not introduced on the basis of State. However, in the Railway Budget 2010-11, MEMU train between Ernakulam-Kollam has been announced which shall serve people of the State of Kerala.

(c) and (d) No such phasing for introduction of MEMU trains has been done.

Transfer of management of bookstalls to IRCTC

4740. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount received by Railways from the date the management of bookstalls was transferred to Indian Railway Catering Tourism Corporation Ltd.;

(b) whether Railways have taken a decision for sharing the licence fee/royalty from bookstalls at the ratio of 75 per cent to IRCTC and 25 per cent to the Indian Railways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has taken over bookstalls at A, B and C category of stations and the bookstalls owned by Major bookstall licensees at D, E and F category of stations except the bookstalls operated by philanthropic and social organizations during the year 2007-08 and onwards in a phased manner. As per action guideline IRCTC will keep 75% of the revenue earned from bookstalls and pass on 25% to the Zonal Railways. Till 31.03.2010 IRCTC has paid Rs. 100.63 lakhs to the Indian Railways.