

Therefore computerized reservation chart of this coach were not being generated from Bhagalpur to Surat. The allotment of berth was being done manually by Ticket Checking staff for passengers including the Reservation Against Cancellation (RAC) and Waitlisted passengers. The matter is under investigation.

(c) The extra coach has now been incorporate into the Computerized Research system and the reservation chart of the entire train, including this extra coach is being done through Passenger Reservation System.

**Allotment of berth under emergency quota**

3492. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has conducted surprise checks on several trains and unearthed major irregularities in the allotment of berths under the Emergency Quota;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the nexus between railway officials and touts has given rise to the irregularities in berths allotment; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and the steps Government proposes to take to prevent such irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) Central Bureau of Investigation, alongwith Vigilance branch had conducted surprise checks on several trains, and the full report of CBI is awaited.

**Shortage of rakes in Kolkata Metro**

3493. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kolkata Metro is facing serious problems of shortage of rakes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that various accidents involving the coaches are taking place on regular basis as the rakes have outlived their lives;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) No, Sir. There is no shortage of rakes on Kolkata Metro for operating the scheduled services as advertised in Metro Railway Time Table. In view of increased passenger traffic, Kolkata Metro plans to run additional services and for extension of its services, additional rakes are required. Necessary planning for acquisition of additional rakes has already been made and are likely to be received in due course. There has been no accident on account of coach defect. Measures such as schedule inspection, overhauls, special safety check etc. as prescribed for safe running of trains are continuously taken to prevent any accident.