

Private partnership scheme to enhance passenger amenities

†2756. SHRI NARESH CHANDRA AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is contemplating any scheme of private partnership like airline sector to make railways competitive and to enhance passengers amenities; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Railway's passenger services are already competitive *vis-a-vis* other modes. Improvement of passenger amenities is a continuous and ongoing activity, mostly undertaken through public funding, involving private sector in some selected areas such as catering, ticketing, cleaning of stations, coaches and linen, etc.

Allotment of contract

2757. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the stalls, trolley counters/open space and vendors each at Delhi, New Delhi and Hazarat Nizamuddin Railway Stations allotted to M/s. PC & Sons Miscellaneous Articles Contractor for the last three years till date; and
- (b) the details of owners/partners of M/s. PC & Sons Miscellaneous Articles Contractor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No fresh allotment has been made in favour of M/s. PC & sons during the last three years.

- (b) M/s. Gulab Devi who belongs to SC category is the sole proprietor of M/s. PC & Sons.

Train accidents

2758. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of train collisions happened in the last two years;
- (b) whether Government has the intention to install Anti Collision Devices (ACDs) at all vulnerable places;
- (c) if so, the time by when such devices will be operationalised;
- (d) whether Government is considering other technological devices also for avoiding train accidents; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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