

Special coach for women in long distance trains

3544. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to have special coach for women in long distance trains; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Second class accommodation for women in the Second Class-cum-Luggage-cum Guard's Coach (SLR) is already earmarked in most of the long distance trains. In addition, the following accommodation is also provided for women in long distance trains:-

- (i) A reservation quota of six berths in sleeper class in Mail/Express trains.
- (ii) A combined quota of two lower berths per coach in Sleeper, Air conditioned 3 tier (3AC) and Air Conditioned 2 tier (2AC) classes for Senior citizens, Female passengers 45 years of age and above and pregnant women, when travelling alone.

Completion of proposed rail projects in Maharashtra

†3545. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work of starting of all new trains or extension of rail services promised for Maharashtra in the Railway Budget of 2010-11 has been completed;
- (b) whether the work of laying of new tracks has also been completed; and
- (c) if so, the names of tracks and places and the length of such tracks in kilometers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Trains announced for introduction and extension in the Rail Budget 2010-11 are introduced/completed during the course of same financial year *i.e.* 2010-11.

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