

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c)  
No, Sir. The linen provided in the AC accommodation in trains is procured departmentally. Washing and Distribution of linen to the passengers is a mix of departmental and contractual arrangements. With a view to improve upon the quality of washing of linen, Railways have already taken up the project of setting up of mechanized laundries in major coaching terminals. Inspections/Checks are carried out at various levels to monitor the quality of linen supplied to the passengers in trains and punitive action is taken wherever warranted.

**Performance analysis of railways by Planning Commission**

1203. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per analysis of performance of Railways made by the Planning Commission, Railways is not changing itself with the time;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Commission was critique of poor investment track record of the Railways; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and how Railways is thinking to come out of this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Reservation in group 'C' and 'D' direct recruitment posts**

1204. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding percentage of reservations in Group C and D direct recruitment posts, zone wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the percentage of Tribal population in North Frontier Railways is higher than the National Average Population; and

(c) if so, the status of population figure and reservation percentage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The percentage of reservation in Group 'C' and 'D' direct recruitment posts in all Zonal Railways is 15% for SCs, 7.5% for STs and 27% for OBCs as prescribed by the Government.