

Nadu has requested the Government of Tamil Nadu to fill up the vacancies in the GRP.

As an interim security arrangement GRP is utilizing 54 Tamil Nadu Special Police Personnel for bandobast arrangement at Chennai Egmore Railway Station.

Mandatory repairs of coaches

2319. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is mandatory to carry out repairs of coaches once in a year;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that this period has recently been increased to one and half year; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) All the passenger coaches are overhauled/repared on a regular basis as per laid down prescribed schedules which include trip, monthly, quarterly, 9-monthly and Periodical Overhauling (POH) in Zonal Railways.

(b) Instructions for increase in periodicity of overhauling of Integral Coach Factory (ICF) design coaches from 12 months to 18 months were issued around 4 years back.

(c) Maintenance periodicity was increased for enhanced utilization of coaching stock after considering use of critical coach components with upgraded specifications.

Proposal of 'clone trains'

2320. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in order to address the sufferings of wait-listed passengers, Railway Board is planning to start a 'clone train' for passengers with wait-listed tickets, half-an-hour after the main train starts;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposal; and
- (c) the tentative revenue that is going to be generated by Railways *via* such trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): No, Sir.

- (b) and (c) Do not arise.

Land acquisition for Dankuni-Ludhiana Freight Corridor

2321. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: