

- (b) the reasons for not completing electrification of this railway line despite repeated declarations; and
- (c) the time by which it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) Electrification work on Ghaziabad-Moradabad section is in progress and planned for completion by March, 2014. Electrification of Moradabad-Bareilly-Lucknow has been completed.

Reserved coach for women

†1376. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to reserve a coach for women in each passenger train on the line of Metro train;
- (b) if so, the time by which this scheme would be implemented; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) Unreserved accommodation is already being earmarked for ladies passengers in EMU (Electrical Multiple Unit)/DMU (Diesel Multiple Unit) trains and local passenger trains. The accommodation so earmarked varies from train to train depending upon demand pattern as well as availability of accommodation.

Anti-fog device

1377. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some anti-fog device has been developed by Railways to control train accidents during foggy season in winter;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this device has since been put into use and tried effectively; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) Fog Safe Device (FSD) is a Global Positioning System (GPS) based device provided on locomotives working on high density, fog prone sections on Indian Railways on trial basis. This device displays the name of approaching signals and other critical landmarks even during poor visibility condition. It is expected to help reduce stress on Loco pilots while running in foggy weather.

(c) and (d) There are issues of reliability and effectiveness to be sorted before this device can be universally adopted for fog safety. The device is under extended trials, during which evaluation and improvement shall be done before it is adopted on a large scale.

Checking squads to check food quality

1378. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI:

SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up any checking squads to check the quality of food provided in trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when checking squads would be formed for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) Emphasis has been made in new Catering Policy, 2010 for conducting surprise and periodical inspections by Zonal Railways at various levels. Regular and surprise inspections are being carried out by Zonal Railways. More than 27000 inspections have been carried out in the current Financial Year upto Jan., 2013 followed by penalties and corrective action.

Proposal for setting up IRIFM

1379. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up Indian Railway Institute of Financial Management (IRIFM);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its aims and objectives; and