

Escalators at railways stations

1667. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of railwas stations with multiple platforms and the number of such stations which have been equipped with escalators;

(b) the budget provison, as a per cent of Railways Budget, which is earmarked for this and the number of years by which this work is expected to be complted; and

(c) whether a higher priority can be given to this project and whether this can be organised on a PPP model for expeditious coverage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) The total no. of railway stations having 2 or more platforms are 4786. So far, 56 railway stations have been equipped with 153 escalators Metro Railway Kolkata and suburban section of Chennai.

(b) Out of a total budget layout of Rs.914 crore under 'Passenger Amenities' during 2013-14, an amount of Rs.46 crore has been allocated besides some additional provision by Zonal Railways towards provision of escalators which is adequate for the current year requirement.

Provision of escalators at important stations is a continuous process and is done as per need, inter-se priority of works and availability of funds.

(c) Higher priority has been accorded for provision of escalators at A-1 category and other important Railway stations. The work for provision of 100 escalators is currently under progress and 400 more escalators are under procurement stage.

New trains announced for Andhra Pradesh

1668. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new trains announced for Andhra Pradesh during the last

three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of trains introduced out of the trains announced in the Budget;

(c) whether it is a fact that six trains announced in 2012 are yet to be introduced;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and by when they are going to be introduced; and

(e) the progress of announcements made in 2013 Budget as far as new trains are concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Indian Railways do not introduce trains on State-wise basis, as railway network runs across State boundaries.

(b) Details of trains announced and introduced in the last three years as on 20.08.2013 are as under:

Year	Announced	Introduced
2010-11	125	121
2011-12	132	130
2012-13	113	103

(c) and (d) At present, 10 new train services announced in Railway Budget 2012-13 are pending introduction due to various constraints like non-completion of gauge conversion works, non-receipt of necessary clearance from the Commissioner of Railway Safety (in case of newly opened and gauge converted section), etc. These trains will be introduced as soon as the constraints are overcome.

(e) New train services announced in Railway Budget/Parliament (2013-14) are to be introduced during the same financial year. So far, out of 126 new trains announced, 25 new trains have been introduced so far.