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(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Intimation to passengers regarding Mega Block in Mumbai

†583. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of local trains cancelled during the Mega Block in Mumbai in January;

(b) whether the administration had intimated the passengers about it;

(c) if so, the date of intimation to the passengers along with the medium of intimation and whether media and All India Radio were also used for this purpose;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the reasons for leaving the passengers to their fate; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Total 324 local trains were cancelled during the mega blocks in the month of January, 2013 in Mumbai.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Information regarding Mega Block was published as paid advertisement in English, Hindi, Marathi and Urdu news papers, All India Radio and Doordarshan and FM channels were informed through Press releases in Hindi and English. They in turn informed public in Hindi and Marathi. The information was given on 12.01.2013, 19.01.2013 and 26.01.2013 before the date of mega block.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

**Improvement in facilities for passengers of
general sleeper class**

†584. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to improve the facilities for passengers of General sleeper class;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the details of total number of sleeper class passengers in a year and revenue accrued from them as fare and the number of passengers of other classes and revenue accrued from them; and

(c) the number of new sleeper class coaches planned to be added and out of them how many will be added in Express and Passengers trains, respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Facilities for General Sleeper class is continuously being improved upon and now Non-Air Conditioned sleeper class coaches are being provided with snack tables, bottle holders, magazine bags and mobile/laptop charging socket etc.

Beside, these sleeper class coaches are also being covered under various coach housekeeping schemes *viz.* frequent cleaning of coaches on run on select trains under On Board Housekeeping scheme, enroute cleaning of coaches at nominated stations under 'Clean Train Station Scheme'.

(b) The number of passengers of sleeper class during the year 2011-12 is 332.16 million and the revenue accrued from them as fare is ₹ 7261.5 crores. The number of passengers of other classes is 7892.23 million and the revenue earned from other classes as fare is ₹ 20984.89 (both Suburban and Non-Suburban classes).

(c) 382 second class sleeper coaches have been planned to be manufactured in Production Units of Indian Railways during current year *i.e.* 2012-13.

During the period 01.04.2012 to 31.12.2012, 288 second sleeper class coaches have been used for permanent augmentation of Mail/Express/Passenger trains. Besides, attachment of coaches including second class sleeper class coaches in trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways and is done keeping in view the traffic pattern of different class of passengers, operational feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources.

Installation of lifts and escalators at stations under SCR

585. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of stations under SCR where escalators have been installed;

(b) the details of stations where escalators are going to be installed in the current year;