

- (i) One WAP-5 type Electric locomotive with modified transmission and drive gear system suitable to haul trains at 200 kilometres per hour has been upgraded. Similarly, Diesel locomotives are also under upgradation to achieve 200 kilometres per hour.
- (ii) One Linke Hofman Busch (LHB) rake with speed potential of 200 kilometers per hour is under development at Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala. The coaches of this rake are envisaged with advanced braking system having stainless steel brake discs, automatic body-side plug type entrance doors and improved inter-car gangway mounting arrangements. Besides better interior furnishing having improved design of seats, better amenities in lavatories, Light Emitting Diodes (LED) lighting, call cum annunciator system, GPS based passenger information system etc. have also been incorporated in its design.
- (c) Trial run of locomotives and coaches will be dependent upon availability of resources.

On Board House-keeping Services

774. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of trains which have been provided with On Board House-keeping Services (OBHS);
- (b) whether Government has identified more trains for providing OBHS and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the revised criterion for provisions of OBHS on trains; and
- (d) the fresh steps taken by Government to provide OBHS facility on all long distance trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Presently around 570 train pairs are provided with On Board Housekeeping Services (OBHS) facilities across Indian Railways.

(b) OBHS is being provided on identified Mail/Express trains satisfying laid down parameters such as journey time/period, coach type etc. Zonal Railways identify additional trains for provision of OBHS scheme, as per requirements, which is an ongoing process.

(c) As per the revised criteria, all important Mail/Express trains excluding purely overnight journey trains (running between 2200 hrs to 0600 hrs) are now eligible for coverage under this scheme.

(d) Issue of notification of above revised eligibility criterion is the fresh step taken by the Government to facilitate Zonal Railways to provide OBHS facility on all important Mail/Express trains.

Charges levied on train journeys

†775. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details regarding charges levied, class-wise, on purchase of tickets, return journeys and cancellation charges from May, 2014 till date with regard to train journey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): Basic fares of different categories of regular train services are as per categorisation of trains. Besides basic fares, the additional charges levied are as follows:-

Class	Reservation Fee (₹)	Supplementary charge for Super Fast Trains (₹)
Second (Unreserved)	Nil	15
Second (Reserved)	15	15
Sleeper	20	30
AC Chair Car	40	45
AC Economy	40	45
AC 3-Tier	40	45
First Class	50	45
AC 2 Tier	50	45
AC First Class	60	75

In case of AC and First Class, service tax @ 4.35% of total fare is also levied. Apart from this Mela surcharges, MUTP surcharge, MMTS surcharge etc., wherever applicable, are levied.

Cancellation charges levied are as under:-

Pre-revised	W.e.f. 12.11.2015
Refund of fare on unused Confirmed (Reserved) tickets	
If confirmed (Reserved) ticket was presented for cancellation 48 hours before the scheduled departure of the train, minimum cancellation charge was levied as under:-	If confirmed (Reserved) ticket is presented for cancellation 48 hours before the scheduled departure of the train, minimum cancellation charge is levied as under:-
1st AC/executive class : 120	1st AC/executive class : 240
2AC/1st class : 100	2AC/1st class : 200

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.