

Alappuzha. The train was speeded up by 55 minutes with effect from 01.10.2015 and orders for speeding up by 160 minutes on Southern Railway territory *i.e.* between Guntur and Alappuzha from "No booking" date have been issued.

New Cell to deal with green issues

2367. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have set up a new Cell to deal with green issues, if so, the details of such issues; and
- (b) the status of providing green toilets in running trains and at railway stations on the Railways' system in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. A new Directorate, namely, Environment and Housekeeping Management Directorate has been set up in Ministry of Railways, which is, *inter alia*, responsible for environment and housekeeping related matters such as Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Swachh Bharat Mission, etc.

- (b) Approximately 36,000 bio-toilets have been installed in passenger coaches of Indian Railways. Ten bio-toilets have been installed at railway stations.

Railways plan to go green

2368. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways propose to go green in a big way by introducing new generation electric locomotives and devising other measures *i.e.* installing green latrines in trains and station buildings, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the action plan of Railways to harness wind energy for use in railway network; and
- (c) whether Railways have developed any such wind mill, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. 12000 Horse Power Electric Locomotives of Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor (IGBT) Technology having regenerative braking feature, are to be manufactured at Electric Locomotive Factory at Madhepura/Bihar for which Contract for setting up the factory and Procurement cum Maintenance of these locomotives has been awarded.