

also undertaken to increase the throughput of passengers. In addition the security apparatus needed for handling the peak traffic is also reinforced in close coordination with civil authorities.

Clean toilets, platforms and tracks under Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan

2388. SHRI K. T. S TULSI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by the Ministry to ensure clean toilets, platforms and tracks at railway stations in the big cities of the country under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan; and

(b) if so, the total amount of funds spent by the Ministry for the said purpose during 2015-16?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Special Cleanliness Campaign was launched on Indian Railways on 2nd Oct, 2014. Regular events on cleanliness are planned and organised to improve and maintain cleanliness at Railway premises including toilets, platforms and tracks at railway stations in the big cities. Weekly special intensive cleaning drives at major Railway stations in rotation have also been undertaken by Zonal Railways.

On completion of one year of Swachh Bharat Mission, theme based cleanliness drives have been launched by Indian Railways from 25th Sept, 2015. Campaigns for increasing the awareness and participation from all sections viz. Railway staff, Railway users/public as well as Charitable Institutions/Social Organisations, were organised at many major stations. Enforcement of Indian Railways (Penalties for activities affecting cleanliness at railway premises) Rules, 2012 has also been intensified.

(b) An amount of ₹ 315 crores approx. have been spent by the Ministry on cleanliness and sanitation at all stations of Zonal Railways during 2015-16. This includes cleanliness of toilets, platforms and tracks at major railway stations under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Relaxation in expenditure contribution to Uttarakhand

†2389. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Uttarakhand has been granted the status of a special category State;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.