

1	2	3	4	5
SWR	2013	288	1	69
	2014	440	7	49
	2015	432	4	15
WR	2013	2048	28	1464
	2014	2342	13	1399
	2015	3330	15	1759
WCR	2013	2404	54	874
	2014	2912	33	852
	2015	3206	22	858
TOTAL	2013	20085	164	11741
	2014	24230	164	11557
	2015	30158	168	12573

Non-availability of catering facilities under North Eastern Railway

†784. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether passengers face inconvenience due to non-availability of catering facilities at 'C' and 'D' category railway stations under North Eastern Railways (NER);

(b) the number of railway stations under above category where catering stalls are available;

(c) the number of 'A' and 'B' category stations under NER where Jan Ahaar facilities are in place;

(d) whether outlets of fruits and medicines are not available at headquarter of NER station; and

(e) whether Railways would take steps to open stalls of medicines and fruits at Gorakhpur railway station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) There are no 'C' category Railway Stations under the jurisdiction of North Eastern Railway (NER). For the convenience of passengers, 85 catering stalls are available at 58 'D' category Railway Stations under NER, which are considered adequate.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Jan Ahaar facility is available at two 'A1' category Railway stations, one each at Lucknow Jn. and Gorakhpur Railway stations. Jan Ahaar facility is not available on any of the 'A' and 'B' category Railway Stations over North Eastern Railway.

(d) and (e) At present, Gorakhpur Railway Station, NER Headquarters, does not have any fruit or chemist stall. However, steps have been initiated to open fruit and chemist stall at this station for the benefit of passengers.

Programme to increase speed of trains

†785. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any programme to increase the speed of trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the number of passengers and income has reduced due to increase in fares of Gatimaan Express which runs between Delhi and Agra;

(d) if so, the experience of Government in this regard; and

(e) the sections where such an action plan is being implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In the Rail Budget 2016-17 Mission Raftar has been announced targeting increase in average speeds of superfast mail/express trains by 25 kmph and doubling the average speed of freight trains in the next five years.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The sections identified for increase in speed of passenger trains to 160/200 kmph are (i) Delhi - Agra (ii) Delhi - Chandigarh (iii) Delhi - Kanpur (iv) Nagpur - Bilaspur (v) Chennai -Bengaluru-Mysore (vi) Mumbai - Goa (vii) Mumbai - Ahmedabad (viii) Chennai - Hyderabad and (ix) Nagpur-Secunderabad.

Framing of service rules

†786. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the service rules of the N.E. and E.C. Railway Employee's Multi-State Primary Cooperative Bank Limited, Gorakhpur have been framed as per the service rules of the employees of the Ministry;

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