

(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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