

(c) 12053/12054 Amritsar-Haridwar Jan Shatabdi Express is a fully reserved train. Further, the train is presently running with adequate coaches including one AC coach as per present level of traffic. However, augmentation of trains over Indian Railways is an on-going process subject to operational feasibility, commercial demand and availability of resources.

Developing Amritsar railway station

468. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in regard of developing Amritsar railway station into world class railway station;

(b) whether Government is in process of re-introducing Amritsar-Katra tri-weekly train which was flagged off on 21 September, 2015 but later discontinued, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is possible to re-introduce this train on daily basis with two AC coaches and rest of general coaches, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Amritsar Station has been entrusted to Indian Railway Station Development Corporation Ltd. (IRSDC). The process of appointment of Architectural-cum-technical consultant for detailed techno-economic feasibility for redevelopment of Amritsar Station has been undertaken by IRSDC.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. At present, there is no such proposal. 04993/04994 Amritsar-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra special train was operated from 20.09.2015 to 29.09.2015 and was discontinued due to poor patronage. However, special trains are run to clear extra rush of passengers during peak seasons, special events, festivals, etc. keeping in view the traffic pattern, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc. This is an ongoing process over Indian Railways.

Protection and preservation of railway heritage

469. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has listed out stations, bridges, railway lines, godowns, buildings, etc. older than 100 years, which deserve to be labeled as railway heritage in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken to ensure that the heritage character of railway heritage properties are not lost in any manner due to ignorance and instead, remain preserved, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Railway Stations, bridges, Railway lines and buildings possessing heritage values including those older than 100 years, have been identified and declared as Railway heritage properties. Notable among them are Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, Nilgiri Mountain Railway, Kalka Shimla Railway, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus Building, Mumbai etc.

(c) Ministry of Railways have issued guidelines to preserve and maintain these heritage properties. On Zonal Railways, Heritage Committees have also been constituted for ensuring preservation of heritage characters of these properties.

Introduction of R-MITRA app

†470. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether R-MITRA (Railway Mobile Instant Tracking Response and Assistance) app has been launched by Railways for the security of female commuters, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any decrease in the crime against women in Railways after launching of this app, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) A Mobile Application “R-MITRA” (Railway Mobile Instant Tracking Response and Assistance) has been launched by Eastern Railway for security of passengers especially women passengers in Kolkata and suburban areas of the zone.

(b) Security Application R-MITRA has been launched to facilitate security of passengers and to render timely security related assistance to passengers within the jurisdiction of Eastern Railway. Prevention and detection of crime against passengers over Railways is the responsibility of concerned States which is being discharged by them through Government Railway Police (GRP). Railway Protection Force (RPF) supplements efforts of States to provide security over Railways. Analysis of figures pertaining to crime against women passengers over Eastern Railway indicates that the overall crime figure has decreased during the year 2016 (up to September) in comparison to corresponding period of previous year.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.