

and preferred over other trains on the route. Therefore, Rajdhani/Duronto and Shatabdi trains have been taken for Flexi Fare. This concept has not been extended on the other regular train services. Therefore, this scheme has no impact on the common man.

CCTV cameras in coaches

1273. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to install CCTV cameras in the coaches of trains being operated by Railways to ensure the safety and security of passengers, particularly women and children, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has held any detailed discussions with all stakeholders in this regard, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir. In order to improve the safety and security of passengers, including women and children, the Government has installed CCTV cameras on a limited number of coaches of passenger and suburban trains on a pilot basis. It has already been completed in about 25 passenger coaches and 44 suburban coaches.

(b) Integral Coach Factory (ICF)/Chennai was assigned the responsibility for developing the specification for CCTV cameras in coaches by Railway Board. ICF, accordingly, issued a specification and provided CCTVs on trial basis in 04 coaches during the year 2015.

Subsequently, Railway Board formed an Expert Group comprising of senior Railway officials on CCTV system for Rail Transport Application. After due deliberation and interaction with industry representatives and other technical experts, the Expert Group submitted its recommendations to Railway Board regarding improvement in the existing specification. Railway Board accepted the recommendations made by the Expert Group and advised ICF to modify its specification accordingly. ICF, subsequently, issued a revised specification for fitment of CCTV in coaches in August 2016.

Discussions were held with stakeholders at various stages.

Investment in nuclear energy expansion programme

1274. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have any plan to invest in the country's nuclear energy expansion programme, if so, the details thereof; and