

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS**Bringing the Oak Grove School, Jharipani under PPP mode**

*171. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has brought the Oak Grove School, Jharipani under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether organisational structure of the School will be changed as autonomous body under PPP mode, if so, the details thereof, including quota for wards of Railway staff and others;

(c) whether performance of the School has gradually deteriorated during recent years;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the Principal for poor result; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Decline in the number of passengers travelling in Shatabdi and Rajdhani trains

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a decline has been registered in the number of passengers travelling in Shatabdi and Rajdhani trains;

(b) if so, the reasons for such decline; and

(c) if not, the details of number of passengers travelling *vis-a-vis* the seats available in the said trains from February, 2015 to January, 2017?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) to (c) On Indian Railways, the demand pattern is not uniform throughout the year and it varies during

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the peak and lean seasons. The demand for travel surges especially during the peak season like summer holidays, festivals etc. During the Financial Year, 2016-17 (upto February 2017), the TOTAL number of passengers booked was 7525.08 million which is 0.71% more than the number of passengers booked during the corresponding period of last year. The number of passengers booked in reserved segment during this period was 475.24 million which is 3.33% higher than the number of passengers booked during the corresponding period of last year. Further, there has also been a growth of 2.53% and 2.45% in the TOTAL number of passengers booked in Shatabdi and Rajdhani trains respectively during the period April, 2016 to February, 2017 as compared to corresponding period of last year. The overall occupancy of Shatabdi and Rajdhani trains during the period from February 2015 to January 2017 is 77.58% and 96.89% respectively as under:—

Train type	No. of Berths	No. of Passengers	%age Occupancy
Shatabdi Exp. trains	312,02,897	242,08,275	77.58
Rajdhani Exp. trains	207,11,080	200,66,868	96.89

Model railway stations in Bihar

†*173. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations selected for being developed as model railway stations in Bihar;

(b) the number of railway stations proposed to be selected for development under the category of model railway stations during the next three years;

(c) the number of such stations where renovation work has been completed; and

(d) by when the renovation work of all the selected stations would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) The 'Model Station' scheme was in vogue between June, 1999 and November, 2008. 594 stations including 55 stations in Bihar were identified and developed under 'Model' Station Scheme. The names of 55 stations identified in Bihar under the Model Station Scheme are as under:-

Bihar (55) Akshayawat Rai Nagar, Anugrah Narayan Road, Ara, Arariya Court, Barauni, Barh, Bariarpur, Bakhtiyarpur, Begusarai, Bettiah, Bhabua Road, Bhagalpur,

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