

Passenger amenities at Tirunelveli railway station

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

(a) whether Government has received recommendations/suggestions to provide some passenger-related amenities at the Tirunelveli railway station in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir. Suggestions have been received from an Hon'ble Member of Parliament for provision of Escalator and Battery Operated Car at Tirunelveli Railway station. At Tirunelveli Junction, Platform Numbers 1, 2 and 3 have been provided with Escalator for convenience of needy passengers and action has been initiated to provide Battery Operated Car at Tirunelveli by calling for Expression of interest in accordance with the policy guidelines.

(b) No survey has been conducted in this regard so far.

Installation of bio-toilets and CCTV cameras

278. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provided about thousands of crores of rupees to Railways for installation of bio-toilets in trains and CCTV cameras at railway stations, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the names of trains which have been fitted with bio-toilets and the railway stations which have been provided with CCTV cameras, as of now, Zone-wise; and

(c) the target set for completion of installation of bio-toilets in all the trains and CCTV cameras at all the railway stations in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has provided ₹ 1155 crores in current fiscal towards fitment of bio-toilets in coaches as part of Swachh Bharat Mission and funds to the tune of ₹ 500 crores have been sanctioned for provision of CCTV surveillance cameras at 983 stations.

(b) As of now, there are about 800 trains, which are having either some coaches or all the coaches fitted with bio-toilets and 344 railway stations, where