## Impact of GST on railway fare

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

- (a) the impact of GST on railway fare;
- (b) whether it has hiked railway AC fare too much;
- (c) whether due to impact of GST, the present fare of every class has almost doubled in comparison to last few year; and
  - (d) the steps being taken to reduce its impact on common man?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) There is no impact of GST (Goods & Services Tax) on passenger fare of Sleeper and other non-AC classes (except First Class). The impact on Airconditioned and First Class services is minimal as GST rate is five percent as compared to 4.5% Service Tax (including Cess) which was being levied.

- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) There is no impact of GST on common man as it is not applicable on passengers of Second Class and Sleeper Class.

## Increasing the speed of trains

787. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog has approved a project to increase the speed of trains in select sectors, if so, the details thereof;

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