

Railway University in Andhra Pradesh

1411. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh has sought establishment of one of the new Railway Universities in the State;

(b) if so, the response of Railways thereto; and

(c) by when these new Railway Universities will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has been informed that setting up of the first Railway University at Vadodara is under process. As and when setting up of any additional Railway University would be considered, locations as well as assistance offered by the State Government will be kept in view.

(c) The date for setting up the Railway University at Vadodara is being worked out.

Return of extra fare charged from passengers

†1412. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Express, Superfast, Rajdhani, Durgam and Shatabdi trains, etc., in which Government charges more fare in comparison to other trains, that are reaching their destinations late, from April, 2017 to 15 November, 2017;

(b) whether Government proposes to return extra fare charged from the passengers owing to its failure;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government would consider to make such a provision for the trains reaching late in future in the interest of the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Out of a total of 368777 scheduled train trips (average 1610 trips per day) of Mail/Express, Superfast, Rajdhani, Durgam and Shatabdi trains etc. which terminated their journey at destination during the period from 01.04.2017 to 15.11.2017, 83021 train trips *i.e.* an average of 363 (22.5%) train trips per day reached destination late by more than 15 minutes.

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