

coach lavatory has been made mandatory to make the disposal of waste more convenient, thus preventing the toilet pans/bowls from being dumped with inorganic waste. In addition, improvement to flushing and ventilation systems is also underway to eliminate foul smell.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The decision for large scale proliferation of bio-toilets based on Bio-digester technology of DRDE (Defence Research and Development Establishment), one of the laboratories of DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation) was taken after reviewing, analyzing, examining and considering the in-service performance of such bio-toilets for a period of about 10 months since their induction in passenger services in Bundelkhand Express in January, 2011.

(d) Does not arise.

Production of modern Train sets

1750. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have fixed a target to have CCTV cameras and Wi-Fi in all trains, coaches and stations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Railways plan to create world class modern train sets, including Train-18 and Train-20;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Railways aim to produce 100 Train sets, which will replace Shatabdi and Rajdhani coaches in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) All stations and passenger carrying trains are planned to be provided with CCTV based surveillance system and Wi-Fi facility, funding is contemplating from Nirbhaya Fund.

(b) to (d) At present, there is no decision to replace the existing Shatabdi/Rajdhani services with the trains sets (Train-18/Train-20).

Review of flexi fare system

1751. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:

SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is reviewing the matter of flexi fare system in the railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this will be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) A Committee was constituted to review the flexi fare scheme. The terms of reference of the Committee was to examine all options and recommend best option keeping in mind interest of passengers and Railways.

The Committee has submitted its report on 16.01.2018. Important recommendations are to rationalise the Flexi fare scheme based on the occupancy of the trains and also offer discounted fare in trains having low occupancy. The Report along with recommendations is under consideration of the Board.

Electrification projects under North Eastern Railway

†1752. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the railway electrification project in the North Eastern Railway is lagging behind its schedule, which may increase its cost;

(b) the names of electrification projects being undertaken by the North Eastern Railway and the delayed projects out of them, along with the proposed electrification projects;

(c) the amount allocated and released for the same during the last three years; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The targets for commissioning of sections of projects on electric traction are decided on yearly basis depending upon the progress of works, overall availability of resources and timely resolution of issues which are beyond control of Ministry of Railways.

In the North Eastern Railway, the details of ongoing Railway Electrification projects (Plan Head-35) which are in different stages of execution along with funds allotted and expenditure during last three years (2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17) are as under:—

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