

| Sl. No. | Railway | No. of Data Loggers |
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| 1. | Central | 466 |
| 2. | Eastern | 352 |
| 3. | Northern | 547 |
| 4. | North Eastern | 254 |
| 5. | Northeast Frontier | 358 |
| 6. | Southern | 505 |
| 7. | South Central | 574 |
| 8. | South Eastern | 286 |
| 9. | Western | 446 |
| 10. | East Central | 408 |
| 11. | East Coast | 254 |
| 12. | North Central | 230 |
| 13. | North Western | 397 |
| 14. | South East Central | 195 |
| 15. | South Western | 296 |
| 16. | West Central | 282 |
| TOTAL INDIAN RAILWAYS | | 5850 |

Data Logger is an electronic device that records status of signaling gears present in Railway Signaling System. It helps in preventive maintenance and failure analysis. It also helps to critically analyze unusual incidences in station yards. Presently, Data Loggers at 42 locations are linked with Control Office Application (COA) for capturing and disseminating real time information of train running to the rail users.

(b) and (c) No such sign of under reporting of inefficiency by Zonal Railways has come to notice.

Cancellation of projects in West Bengal

2545. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have been cancelling the projects in West Bengal which were sanctioned during the period from May, 2009 to May, 2011 when present Chief Minister of West Bengal was Railway Minister; and

(b) if so, the details of the projects along with the reasons for their cancellation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) No, Sir. However, pace of execution of new line Railway projects sanctioned during 2009-11 has been affected due to issues of land acquisition.

(b) Does not arise.

Basic amenities in trains

†2546. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been no improvement in the basic amenities provided in the trains despite hiking the fare by more than double in the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and who are responsible for the same; and

(c) if not, the details of amenities promised to be added in trains by Government and the reasons for not implementing the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) No, Sir. Lot of improvements have taken place in the last three years in the amenities provided in the trains. Further, there has been no increase in passenger fares in the last three years since 25.06.2014. However, the minimum chargeable passenger fare for Second Class Non-suburban services has been increased from ₹ 5 to ₹ 10 to bring it at par with the rate of platform tickets from 22.11.2015.

Further, for new train services, the improved features/amenities of coaches are the factors which are taken into account for fixation of fare structures.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Improvements in passenger amenities in train coaches are a continual endeavor of the Indian Railways (IR).

(1) Some of the policy decisions taken in this regard are:—

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