

128th birth anniversary of Babasaheb Ambedkar, covering Buddhist sites in India and Nepal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) In memory of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, Indian Railways in association with Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has planned to run "Samanata Express Special train" ex-Nagpur on 14.02.2019 covering Chaityabhoomi (Mumbai), Mhow (Indore), Bodhgaya (Gaya), Sarnath (Varanasi), Lumbini (Nepal), Kushinagar (Gorakhpur), Deekshabhoomi (Nagpur) and back to Mumbai.

Manufacturing of 'Best in class train sets'

2704. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started manufacturing of 'Best in class train sets' in Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has provided any training to the employees of Integral Coach Factory, Chennai before starting manufacturing 'Best in class train sets';

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One train set named Train-18 has been turned out by Integral Coach Factory (ICF) in November, 2018. This Best in class indigenous train set has 16 coaches and has been tested upto a speed of 180 kmph by the Research Designs and Standards Organization (RDSO)/Lucknow.

(c) and (d) The training is done periodically to update knowledge of current developments in technology at the training institutes of ICF in order to get overall skill development of employees. This is also applicable to Best in class train sets.

(e) Question does not arise.