

Decline in demand for rail coaches

3132. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for coaches in Railways has come down drastically during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many coach factories of Railways are not producing coaches upto their capacity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Together, the coach factories are manufacturing higher than their sanctioned capacity to cater to demand of Indian Railways. The details are as under:-

Coach Manufacturing Unit	Annual Manufacturing Capacity	Actual Production 2018-19
Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai	1700 Coaches	3240 Coaches
Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Kapurthala	1500 Coaches	1350 Coaches
Modern Coach Factory (MCF), Raebareli	1000 Coaches	1425 Coaches
TOTAL	4200 Coaches	6015 Coaches

The production during 2018-19 was 143.2% of the manufacturing capacity.

Station Redevelopment Programme

3133. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that station redevelopment is the biggest non-fare

revenue generation project for redeveloping railway stations in the country and has been included in the harmonized list of infrastructure sub-sectors;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the station redevelopment programme is envisaged to be done by leveraging commercial development of spareable space in and around railway stations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Yes. Sir. Station Redevelopment programme is a flagship programme of Indian Railways for redeveloping stations by leveraging commercial potential of sparable railway land. Station Redevelopment has been included in the Harmonized Master List of Infrastructure Sub-sector since April 2018.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Station Redevelopment programme is planned by leveraging commercial development of sparable railway land and air space in and around the stations. Ministry of Railways through various agencies is undertaking techno-economic feasibility studies of railway stations. Based on the outcome of these feasibility studies, stations are planned to be taken up for redevelopment, especially the stations located in major cities and important tourist destinations. Presently, work of redevelopment is in progress at Gandhinagar(Gujarat) and Habibganj(Bhopal) stations. Contracts for redevelopment have been awarded for Gomtinagar. Charbagh (Lucknow) and Puducherry stations.

Steps taken to make rail transportation attractive

3134. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have taken various measures to make rail transportation attractive and to arrest the declining trend of rail share;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these measures are focusing on prioritizing investment in important areas, viz. dedicated freight corridors, high-speed rail, high capacity rolling stock, last mile rail linkage, port connectivity and attracting private and foreign direct investment; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?