

Late running of train on Ranchi and Hatia railway stations

†3917. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that departure time of many trains is being delayed from Ranchi and Hatia railway stations due to the shortage of coaches and generator cars;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the total number of coaches, generator cars and SLR guard bogies available and required respectively at Ranchi Railway Division and the reasons for the shortage of the said resources?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Trains have not been delayed from Ranchi and Hatia stations owing to shortage of coaches and generator cars. Action has been taken to convert 5 pairs of express trains from conventional coaches to modern LHB coaches and 3 pairs of passenger services have been converted to MEMU services. Induction of new coaches and MEMU services is a continuous process.

(c) At present, 766 coaches including 17 Generator cars and 62 SLR (Guard Bogie) are available at Hatia coaching depot under Ranchi Division of South Eastern Railway. The requirement of coaching stock is dynamic and the available stock is adequately meeting the present requirement. Short-term shortages of SLRs (Guard coaches) are bridged by inducting newly manufactured coaches in a phased manner.

EMU trains in the country

†3918. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to increase the number of Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) trains in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the number of EMU trains proposed to be increased in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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