## Details of various provisions for Railways envisaged in Budget 2019-20

†3942. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the class-wise details of expansions made in all classes of rail passenger services in the Budget of year 2019-20 and also the details of provisions made for providing the hygienic food and clean bedding to the passengers during their journey and details of the provisions made for the cleanliness, safety and upgradation of the modalities of maintenance of the railway stations; and

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(b) the details of announcements made in the past during visit of Minister of Railways to Ujjain and Indore and measures taken to fulfil each of those announcements made?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) No specific announcements regarding class-wise augmentation of train services have been made in the Union Budget 2019-20. However, during 2018-19, 487 coaches including 123 unreserved General class coaches, 122 reserved (Non-AC) coaches, 238 reserved AC coaches, and 04 Pantry Car coaches have been utilised to augment various train services operating over Indian Railways.

There is no specific head of allocation for 'hygienic food', 'clean bedding' and 'maintenance of railway stations' in Railway Budget. However, the budget allocated under the heads 'Catering', 'Coach Sanitation and Linen Management' which also includes the expenditure on bedding also, and 'Stations, Goods Sheds' which also includes the amount for Repairs and Maintenance of Railway Stations is given below. Apart from this, the cleanliness related activities on stations is booked under the head 'Station Sanitation'. Safety related activities are booked under Revenue Section & Capital Section of Indian Railways under which ₹49,192 crore and 26,788 crore have been provided respectively. The details of the Budget allocation in 2019-20 under the above mentioned heads is as under:-

Head	Amount (₹ in crores)
Catering	587
Coach Sanitation and Linen Management etc.	1124
Station Sanitation	692
Expenditure on Safety related activities	75980
Repairs and Maintenance- 'Stations, Goods Sheds'	643

Apart from the above, some of the major regular practices undertaken by Indian Railways for providing clean bedding and hygienic and quality food to the passengers during their journey and for the cleanliness at railway stations are as under:-

### 1. Bed Roll:-

(i) To improve the quality of washing of bed linen, 61 mechanised laundries have been set up in the Railways and more are in process. Washing of linen

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(except blanket) is done after every single use. Blankets are washed at least once in a month.

Sample checking of washed linen is done before dispatch from laundry.

#### Cleanliness at Railway Stations:-2.

- Provision of Mechanised cleaning contracts with improved processes machinery and updated management systems at major stations have been intensified.
- Rag picking contracts and/or garbage disposal contracts are available at major stations over Indian Railways.
- (iii) Regular inspections are conducted by various officials at the railway stations to monitor cleanliness and also to identify weak areas to take remedial measures.
- (iv) Special cleanliness and awareness drives are also launched from time to time.
- (v) Use of CCTVs has been extended for monitoring of cleanliness activities at major stations.
- (vi) Third party audit and ranking of major stations on cleanliness is also carried out annually in order to give status check feedback and instil healthy competition.
- (vii) Enforcement of Indian Railways (Penalties for activities affecting cleanliness at railway premises) Rules, 2012 has been intensified.
- (viii) Standard Bid Document (SBD) and General Conditions of Contract for Services (GCCS) have been issued to improve effectiveness of housekeeping/cleaning contracts.
- Hygienic Food: Following measures have been put in place to maintain hygiene of the food served to the passengers during their journey:-
  - Food Safety Supervisors have been deployed at Kitchen units to monitor food safety and hygienic practices. Food samples collected by Food Safety Supervisors are sent to nominated Accredited Laboratories under Food Safety and Standard Act for analysis and testing.

- (ii) To ensure compliance of food safety norms, certification from Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has been mandated.
- (iii) CCTV cameras have been installed in 38 Base Kitchens so far for monitoring of food preparations in the Kitchens.
- (iv) IRCTC has deployed on-board Supervisors to monitor catering services on trains.
- (v) Regular and surprise inspections are conducted by Railways/Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) officials so as to ensure that catering services are provided as per laid down standards.
- (vi) Third Party Audits of catering services are conducted by independent agencies to monitor compliance of laid down standards.

As regards, upgradation/modernization of railway stations, Ujjain and Indore stations are NSG-2 category stations dealing with 19205 and 26308 passengers on an average per day respectively. As per laid down norms, all Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided at these two stations. Moreover, both these stations have been developed under Adarsh Station Scheme. However, upgradation/modernization of Railway Stations is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regards are undertaken depending upon need, volume of the passenger traffic and *inter-se* priority subject to availability of funds.

(b) The details of announcements made at Ujjain and Indore during the last 5 years and their respective status are as under:-

### (i) Announcements at Ujjain.

S1. No	o. Announcements	Status
1.	Introduction of train between	19320/19319 Indore-Veraval (via
	Ujjain and Somnath with the	Ujjain) Weekly Mahamana Express has
	name Mahakal Express.	been introduced w.e.f. 29.06.2018
G (4 2)	Extension of 11125/11126 Indore-	11125/11126 Indore-Gwalior Express
	Gwalior/Jhansi-Indore Express	(4 days in a week) along with Indore-
	(4 days in a week) and 21125/	Jhansi slip coaches has been extended
	21126 Indore- Bhind Express upto	upto Ratlam w.e.f. 22.04.2018. Similarly,
	Ratlam.	21126/21125 Bhind-Indore Express
		(Tri-weekly) has been extended upto
		Ratlam w.e.f. 21.04.2018.

Sl. No	o. Announcements	Status
3.	Stoppages of 12465/12466 Indore- Jodhpur Express at Mahidpur station.	Stoppage of 12465/12466 Indore- Jodhpur Express has been provided at Mahidpur station on experimental basis w.e.f. 22.03.2018.
4.	Stoppage of 18243/18244 Bilaspur-Bhagat Ki Kothi Express and 18245/18246 Bilaspur-Bikaner Express at Vikramgarh Alot station.	Stoppages of 18243/18244 Bilaspur - Bhagat Ki Kothi Express and 18245/18246 Bilaspur-Bikaner Express have been provided at Vikramgarh Alot, on experimental basis, w.e.f. 22.03.2018.
5.	Provision of stoppage of 19323/ 19324 Indore-Bhopal Express at Kalapipal station	Stoppage of 19323/19324 Indore- Bhopal Express has been provided at Kalapipal station, on experimental basis, w.e.f. 23.03.18.
6.	Provision of stoppage of 22944/ 22943 Indore-Pune Express at Khachrod station.	Stoppage of 22944/22943 Indore-Pune Express has been provided at Khachrod station, on experimental basis, w.e.f. 22.07.2018.
(ii)	Announcements at Indore:	
1.	Regular train between Indore- Delhi via Fatehabad	19337/19338 Indore- Delhi Sarai Rohilla Express (Weekly) has been introduced w.e.f. 02.03.2019.
2.	Running of Ratlam-Dr. Ambedkar DEMU Ex Ratlam at 06.30 instead of present 05.25 hrs.	Presently. 79310 Ratlam- Dr. Ambedkar Nagar DEMU is being operated Ex Ratlam at 06.35 hrs.
3.	Increase in load of DEMU trains running between Ratlam-Indore-Dr. Ambedkar Nagar from 8 to 12 coaches.	Load of DEMU trains running between Ratlam-Indore-Dr. Ambedkar Nagar has been augmented from 8 to 12 coaches w.e.f. 30.03.2018.
4.	Extension of 19323/19324 Indore-Bhopal Intercity Express from Indore to Dr. Ambedkar Nagar.	19323/19324 Indore-Bhopal Intercity Express has been extended from Indore to Dr. Ambedkar Nagar w.e.f. 04.03.2019.

Sl. No	o. Announcements	Status
5.	Extension of 12919/12920 Indore- Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Malwa Express upto Dr. Ambedkar Nagar.	12919/12920 Indore - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Malwa Express has been extended upto Dr. Ambedkar Nagar w.e.f. 03.03.2019.
6.	Extension of 19301/19302 Indore- Yeswantpur Express (weekly) from Indore to Dr. Ambedkar Nagar.	19301/19302 Indore-Yeswantpur Express (weekly) has been extended from Indore to Dr. Ambedkar Nagar w.e.f. 03.03.2019.
7.	Increase in frequency of 19313/ 19314 Indore - Rajendranagar Express (weekly via Sultanpur)	Frequency of 19313/19314 Indore - Rajendranagar Express has been increased from weekly to Bi-weekly w.e.f. 04.02.2019.
8.	Extension of 12973/12974 Indore- Jaipur Express (Bi-weekly) to Dr. Ambedkar Nagar.	Extension of 12973/12974 Indore - Jaipur Express (Bi-weekly) to Dr. Ambedkar Nagar is operationally not feasible, at present.
9.	Extension of 14319/14320 Indore- Bareilly Express (weekly) to Dr. Ambedkar Nagar.	Extension of 14319/14320 Indore - Bareilly Express (weekly) to Dr. Ambedkar Nagar is operationally not feasible, at present.

# **Introduction of more Vande Bharat Express trains**

 $\dagger 3943.$  SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to launch ten more 'Vande Bharat Express' trains during the current financial year;
  - (b) if so, whether the routes have been finalised for these trains;
  - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government would consider to introduce a 'Vande Bharat Express' train for the highly busy Delhi-Patna train route?

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

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

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