

Parliament seeking their co-operation in systematizing the procedure of prioritization of letters received for release of accommodation out of Emergency Quota. Further, improvement in the functioning of computerized Passenger Reservation System (PRS), release of emergency quota, etc. is a continuous and ongoing process.

Passengers Amenities Committee

2179. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Passengers Amenities Committee visited 17 railway stations to assess problems faced by passengers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of stations in Haryana that were visited by the Committee;
- (d) the findings of the Committee; and
- (e) the steps being taken by Government to improve passenger amenities at the railway stations of Haryana?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The present Passengers Amenities Committee (PAC) visited 99 railway stations over 8 railway zones, till date covering 11 States nationwide.

(c) 23 Railway stations in Haryana State were visited by the members of the PAC till date.

(d) and (e) Suggestions/recommendations of the PAC as received regarding provision/ upgradation of passenger amenities including cleanliness are examined and wherever found feasible, action is initiated subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priority of works. However, Upgradation/provision of passenger amenities at Railway Stations is a continuous and on-going process.

Proposal for east coast freight corridor

2180. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to construct a new freight corridor between Kharagpur in West Bengal and Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh named as East Coast Freight Corridor, if so, the details thereof;