

(c) the names of trains and the routes on which trains are being run by private sector till now; and

(d) the profit earned by private sector by running trains in the last three years and the profit/loss incurred on these routes by Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) It is estimated that Indian Railways would need Capital investment of around ₹50 lakh crore upto the year 2030 for network expansion and capacity augmentation, rolling stock induction and other modernization works to enable better delivery of passenger and freight services and to improve its modal share in transport. To bridge the gap in capital funding and to induct modern technologies and improve efficiencies, it is being planned to use Public Private Partnership (PPP) model for few initiatives. One of the PPP initiatives is to invite private players to invest and induct modern rakes over select routes to provide world class services to the passengers. As part of this initiative, Ministry of Railways have issued 12 Requests for Qualification (RFQs) on 1st July, 2020 for operation of passenger trains over approximately 109 origin-destination pairs (divided into 12 clusters) through PPP on Design, Build, Finance and Operate ("DBFO") basis. The routes are spread across the entire Indian Railway network and the list is available in the public domain namely, http://www.indianrailways.gov.in/Indicative_Routesfor_12_clusters.pdf. However, the responsibility of train operations and safety certification rests with Indian Railways in all such cases.

(c) As of now, no regular passenger train service, running over Indian Railways, is being operated by Private Operator(s).

(d) Does not arise.

Details regarding launching of private trains

757. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of routes on which private trains are to be operated and have been sanctioned to be operated;

(b) whether private trains would operate using trains or carriers owned by the Ministry of Railways or private entities would manufacture their own train bodies and coaches; and

(c) the details of private entities such as name of companies and entrepreneurs who have proposed to operate or who would operate trains as on August, 2020 and the dates from when such private trains would operate?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) Ministry of Railways (MoR) has invited applications for investment and induction of modern rakes over select routes through Public Private Partnership (PPP) to provide world class services to the passengers. As part of this initiative, MoR have issued 12 Requests for Qualification (RFQs) on 1st July, 2020 for operation of passenger trains over approximately 109 origin-destination pairs (divided into 12 clusters) through PPP on Design, Build, Finance and Operate ("DBFO") basis. The routes are spread across the entire Indian Railway network and the list is available in the public domain namely, <http://www.indianrailways.gov.in/IndicativeRoutesfor12clusters.pdf>. However, the responsibility of train operations and safety certification rests with Indian Railways in all such cases.

Private Entity shall be free to procure trains and locomotives including through ownership or leasing from a source of its choice, provided such trains and locomotives are compatible with specification and standards specified in the Concession Agreement.

The selection of the operators will be done through a transparent bidding process and the details of the participants will be known after the application due date, i.e. 07.10.2020. As of now, it is not feasible to fix the dates for operation of trains by private operators.

Details on trains for migrant labourers

758. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains that have operated in the months of March, April and May, 2020 for the transportation of migrant workers;

(b) the details of fares charged for transportation of migrant labourers and whether regular coaches were operated free of cost to transport migrant workers; and

(c) whether any special trains were operated for migrant workers during the months of March, April and May, 2020 and if so, the number of such trains and their destinations?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) In order to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, all passenger carrying trains on Indian