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AMRIT BHARAT TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for focus on one thousand Amrit Bharat trains while the basic infrastructure of regular trains needs attention;
- (b) the details on the expenditure plan for Rs 2.40 lakh crore for improving amenities and safety in trains; and
- (c) the details of the reasons for continued maintenance and efficiency issues with Vande Bharat trains?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (c) Indian Railways endeavours to maintain basic infrastructure of regular trains as per laid down norms. Amrit Bharat trains have been introduced to cater to the travel demand for non-AC class passengers. Four such services have been introduced which have high demand and occupancy.

Indian Railways has introduced Amrit Bharat services, which have enhanced safety features like KAVACH and modern State-of the Art technology. They are equipped with advanced features like Semi-Permanent couplers for jerk free travel, horizontal sliding windows, foldable snack table and bottle holders, mobile holders etc. These

services, which are fully non-AC trains, presently comprising 12 Sleeper Class Coaches and 8 General Class coaches, aim to provide high quality services to the passengers.

Indian Railways has introduced Vande Bharat trains with modern coaches having enhanced safety features like KAVACH, Jerk free semi-permanent couplers, Automatic Plug and IC Doors, Fully Sealed Gangways, Ergonomic seats, CCTVs, Coach condition monitoring System (CCMS), Special lavatory in Driving Trailer Coach (DTC) for Divyangjan passengers, Emergency Alarm Push buttons and Talk Back Units, Platform side cameras including front & rear view cameras outside the Driving coach, Improved Fire safety provisions etc.

Regular maintenance and upkeep of all Vande Bharat coaches is carried out as per norms during laid down maintenance schedules at the dedicated depots and coaching Pit-lines to ensure safe operation and intactness of amenities.
