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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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INTRODUCTION OF AIR-CONDITIONED EMUS IN CHENNAI

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Southern Railway has any plan to introduce air-conditioned EMUs to boost comfort to passengers commuting on suburban sections particularly in Chennai, just like in Mumbai Suburban trains, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total number of AC coaches manufactured annually at the Integral Coach Factory (ICF); and
- (c) the total number of AC coaches to be deployed on all the four suburban lines in Chennai Metropolitan City?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) The major terminals of Chennai viz. MGR Chennai, Chennai Egmore and Tambaram are presently being served by 158, 108 and 93 Mail/Express and Passenger services respectively. The Mail/Express service catering these stations also have Air Conditioned accommodation. Further, 648 sub-urban services are catering to the needs of passengers of Chennai area. Furthermore, introduction of train services including Air Conditioned (AC) EMU services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways, subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility and availability of resources. The production of coaches, including AC coaches, by Production Units, is done as per traffic requirement and during the period 2014-15 to 2024-25(Till June), total 56,716 Coaches have been produced which includes 19,391 AC Coaches.
