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ADDITION OF NEW GENERAL COACHES IN TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the addition of new general coaches to the Indian Railways fleet over the past five years, year-wise;
- (b) details of the expected increase in passenger capacity and connectivity resulting from the introduction of 2,500 new general coaches and 50 Amrit Bharat trains;
- (c) the regional distribution of new general coaches and Amrit Bharat trains across India, focusing on areas with the highest demand; and
- (d) the key initiatives and policies implemented to launch 50 Amrit Bharat trains, including their expected routes and timelines for commencement?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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- (a) Total 6511 new general coaches have been added to the Indian Railways fleet over the past five years i.e. 2019-20 to 2023-24.
- (b) to (d) Amrit Bharat services, which have modern State-of the Art technology 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., have been introduced by Indian Railways (IR). At present, 4 Amrit Bharat Express services viz. 15557/58 Darbhanga–Anand Vihar(T) Express and 13433/13434 Malda Town - SMVT Bengaluru Express, are being operated over the Indian Railways network. Besides, introduction of train services, including Amrit Bharat services, is an on-going process on IR subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc.

The extant policy regarding composition of Mail/Express trains, provide for 12 (Twelve) General class & Sleeper class non- AC coaches and 08 (eight) AC-Coaches, in a train of 22 coaches, thereby providing for greater accommodation for the passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper Coaches. Of the total number of Coaches being presently utilised for running of train services, two-third are non-AC, and one-third are AC variants. Keeping in view increased demand, IR has planned to manufacture 10,000 non-AC Coaches including General Class and Sleeper Class Coaches.

The carrying capacity generated is dependent on various factors which include route, frequency of service etc.
