## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2411 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.11.2016

#### **INCREASE OF COACHES IN PREMIUM TRAINS**

### †2411. SHRI JANAK RAM:

#### Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of unreserved coaches in the present mail and express trains and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total number of complaints received from the public by the Railways during 2014-2016 in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase some more services/facilities in these unreserved coaches; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

#### MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

#### (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a)Yes, Madam. In Railway Budget 2016-17, Antyodaya Express, a long-distance, fully unreserved superfast train service, and to augment two to four Deen Dayalu coaches (General Class coaches) in some long distance trains for un-reserved travel have been announced.

Further, 162 General class coaches have been attached by Indian Railway during the period 2016-17 (up to October, 2016) in various trains. This is about 35 % of the total 483 coaches attached in the existing trains on permanent basis during the period 2016-17 (up to October 2016).

- (b) Complaints/requests regarding increasing the number of unreserved coaches and its related matters are received at various levels i.e. Stations, Divisions, and Zonal Head-quarters and at Railway Board level. However, Indian Railways do not maintain compendium of such representations/ Complaints.
- (c) & (d) LED lights, dustbins and mug with chain arrangement in toilets are being provided in the un-reserved coaches, in addition to other types of coaches.

Besides, certain additional facilities are also being provided in the un-reserved Antodaya / Deen Dayalu coaches as follows:

Additional facilities in Antodaya coaches:

Vestibules, cushioned luggage racks, additional hand hold in doorway area for the comfort of standing passengers, provision of J hooks for hanging carry bags, potable Water through Water filtration system, enhanced number of mobile charging points, Bio-toilets, Fire extinguishers with anti-theft arrangement, more pleasing colour scheme for interior and exteriors.

Additional facilities in Deen Dayalu coaches:

Water filtration system to provide potable water, Cushioned luggage racks, Additional hand hold in doorway area, provision of J hooks for hanging carry bags, Bio-toilets, Toilet occupation indication display board, Enhanced mobile charging facility, Fire extinguishers with anti-theft arrangement, Water level indicator, Pleasing Interiors, Improved exterior colour scheme with anti-graffiti coating, polymerized floor coating in toilets.