GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4422 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2016

RECOMMENDATIONS ON RAIL SAFETY

4422. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of Commissions/Committees whose recommendations on rail safety passengers amenities, improvement and upliftment of railway stations are still pending with the Government; and
- (b) the reasons for delay in implementing such recommendations?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4422 BY SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.12.2016 REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON RAIL SAFETY

(a) & (b): The High Level Safety Review Committee (Kakodkar Committee): The Committee constituted on 16.09.2011 had made 106 recommendations on various technical and technology related aspects in connection with safe running of train services. The recommendations have been examined and 68 recommendations have been found fully acceptable, 19 partially acceptable and 19 not acceptable. 27 of the accepted recommendations have been implemented and steps have been initiated for implementation of remaining recommendations.

Expert Committee for Modernization of Indian Railways (Sam Pitroda Committee): The Committee was constituted in September, 2011 to interalia, recommend ways and means to modernize Indian Railways. The recommendations have been examined and action already initiated for implementation of various recommendations pertaining to upgradation of suburban coaches, green toilets on all passenger trains, enhancement of customer amenities at stations and on trains, introduction of mobile ticketing system etc. While most of the technical recommendations of the Committee have been acted upon, the scale of implementation is limited due to resource constraints.

Further provision of passenger amenities at stations is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regard are undertaken depending upon need, volume of passenger traffic and inter-se-priority, subject to availability of funds. Regular inspections are conducted by officers, Service Improvement Group (SIG), Passenger Amenity Committee (PAC) and Passenger Services Committee (PSC) to monitor the availability and maintenance of passenger facilities at stations and remedial measures are taken as and when deficiencies are noted.
