GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1495 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017

BIO-TOILETS IN TRAINS

1495. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government will complete installation of biotoilets in all the trains by December, 2018 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the percentage of trains where bio-toilets have been installed as of now;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study on the use and advantages of bio-toilets; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) Railway has set in house target to complete the work of installation of bio-toilets in coaches by March 2019. To achieve this, all railway workshops have been instructed to compulsorily install bio-toilets in all existing in-service eligible coaches undergoing mid life rehabilitation & periodical overhaul. Retro-

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fitment of bio-toilets in existing in-service coaches is also being done to a limited extent in coaching depots.

- (b) Approximately 55% of the total passenger carrying coaches over Indian Railways have been installed with bio-toilets.
- (c) and (d) Bio-toilets is an important step towards 'Swachh Bharat'. It keeps tracks clear of human excreta.
