GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 545 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2019

INTRODUCTION OF TRAINS

545. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Union Government has announced four new categories of trains to facilitate rail passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the said categories of trains are started as per the schedule prepared by the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to expedite the introduction of trains to facilitate passengers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. During the Railway Budget 2016-17, the then Hon'ble Minister of Railways announced the introduction of four new types of train services to facilitate passengers. These were Antyodaya Express, Humsafar Express, Tejas Express and UDAY Express.

(c) to (e): All the 4 types of services have been operationalized. At present, 11 pairs of Antyodaya Express, 29 pairs of Humsafar Express, 1 pair of Tejas Express and 1 pair of UDAY Express are plying over Indian Railways. Besides, introduction of such type of train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to availability of resources, availability of necessary sanction of Commissioner of Railway Safety, etc.