GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1505
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2019

UTTAM RAKE

1505. DR. HEENA GAVIT:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways celebrated the 69th Foundation Day of Western Railway recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of Uttam rakes built by Integral Coach Factory in the last three years;

(c) whether Indian Railways has introduced the State-of-the art “Uttam Rake” for the comfort of Mumbaikars and if so, the details thereof and the salient features of Uttam rake;

(d) whether the Government is considering to increase the number of Ladies Special local trains for the benefit of ladies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which a decision in the matter will be taken and the other steps taken by the Government to provide more facilities to train commuters in suburban trains of Indian Railways?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): No, Sir. No formal function or celebrations were held for the 69th Foundation Day of Western Railway.
(b): Two Uttam rakes have been manufactured by Integral Coach Factory / Chennai. One is allotted to Western Railway and the other to Central Railway.

(c): Yes, Sir. Western Railway has introduced the state-of-the-art Uttam rake unit No. 5533/5534 on 15.10.2019 for the local trains in Mumbai.

The salient features of Uttam rakes are as under:-

- Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras installed in every coach.
- Emergency chains have been replaced with emergency push buttons.
- Fibre Reinforced Plastic (FRP) moulded interior paneling with aesthetic colours.
- Seats made from FRP with wood finish.
- Equipped with FRP cladded partitions.
- Modular and Wider luggage rack.
- Anti-dent partitions in coaches to prevent thefts.
- Improved dual lock stopper with dual slot handles windows in all coaches.
- Wider and improved grab handles for better grip.
- Latest powdered coated brushless DC (BLDC) fans in all coaches which consumes 30% less energy than conventional fans.
- Provision of modular type diffused LED lights.
- Electrically operated Passenger Alarm System in place of traditional emergency chains.
- Provision of camouflaged aluminium moulded strips on floor to discourage theft.
- Stainless steel protective plate near all passenger seats to avoid colour fading due to footwear friction.
- Red emergency buttons.

(d) & (e): Introduction of additional trains including Ladies special trains is an on-going process on Indian Railways. Presently, Mumbai suburban sector is being catered by 14 Ladies special trains and are being further supplemented by 20 trains having partially earmarked 3 coaches each per day.

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