

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 54  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2020**

**ABSENCE OF PROPER LIGHTING AT STATIONS**

**†\*54. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that passengers face difficulties in identifying the station in darkness due to lack of proper lighting at railway stations located in rural areas;**
- (b) whether passengers also face difficulties due to the absence of an announcement system in the trains about the next station;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make arrangements for the advance announcement of name of the next station as well as written information in each coach through screening board on the lines of metro trains to address the said problem; and**
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 54 BY SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR TO BE  
ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.02.2020 REGARDING ABSENCE OF  
PROPER LIGHTING AT STATIONS**

**(a): Based on suggestion received from Consultative Committee of MPs for the Ministry of Railways for need of proper illumination of station name boards displayed at the two ends of the platforms, it was reiterated to Zonal Railways that electric poles provided at the platforms of all electrified stations should be adjusted in such a manner that station name boards provided at the two ends of the platforms are properly illuminated so as to be read easily during night. It was also emphasized that lights specifically provided for illumination of the station name boards are kept glowing during the night. So far, 8016 stations name board are illuminated during night time.**

**(b) to (d): Suggestion has been received from Member of Consultative Committee that coaches should have facilities of display of name of approaching stations.**

**In the existing coach design, next station name announcement is provided on some of the trains like Electrical Multiple Units (EMUs)/Mainline Electric Multiple Units (MEMUs) suburban trains and other select group of trains like Rajdhani, Shtabdi, Tejas and Humsafar etc.**

**Further, Modern Coach Factory (MCF) and Rail Coach Factory (RCF) are advised for fitment of system as per Research Designs and Standards Organization (RDSO) trial specification for field trial on 50 coaches each by MCF and RCF and fitment is under process. All newly manufactured EMU/MEMU rakes are already equipped with such technology/system.**

**To further proliferate this system, specification of Public Address and Passenger Information System (PAPIS) has been issued in August 2019. Display of name of approaching station is part of PAPIS. Initially fitment of PAPIS for field trial has been started in 100 coaches and will be completed on priority.**

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