GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1317
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2022

SLEEPING POD SERVICES

1317. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY VASANTH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has any proposal to provide sleeping pod services
to passengers at subsidized rates in some railway stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise and the salient features thereof;

(c) the other steps, if any, taken by the Railways to provide quality
accommodation/retiring rooms, railway enquiry-cum-information centres
and other essential services to all kinds of travellers at affordable rates
at major railway stations across the country including Nagercoil and
Kanyakumari railway stations in Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS &
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): In pursuance of Indian Railways continuous efforts and endeavour to
provide improved passenger amenities at railway stations, Mumbai division of
Western Railway, in collaboration of Indian Railway Catering & Tourism
Corporation (IRCTC) and M/s. Urban Pod Pvt. Limited, Mumbai has
commissioned POD/capsule type retiring rooms and dormitories with modern
amenities like free Wi-Fi, luggage room, washrooms, Television, adjustable air-
conditioner, interior & reading lights, smoke detector, mobile charging slots
etc. at Mumbai Central (MMCT) station, on experimental basis at reasonable
rates. Moreover, the process for development and operation of Sleeping Pods at
Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus and Lokmanya Tilak (Terminus)
stations has been initiated by Central Railway.
(c) to (e): Retiring Room and Dormitory facilities are available at reasonable rates at major railway stations across the country, including Nagercoil and Kanyakumari stations in Tamil Nadu. Online booking facility of retiring room is also available. At certain stations, Retiring rooms and dormitories have been handed over to IRCTC for maintenance and upgradation with modern facilities to ensure better comfort and convenience of passengers. Enquiry cum information counters have been set up at major railway stations including Nagercoil station, for dissemination of information to passengers. However, augmentation/upgradation of passenger amenities/facilities/services at railway stations is a continuous process.

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