

**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.
