

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 664
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022**

ABSENCE OF PROPER LIGHTING AT STATIONS

664. 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, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(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 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 664 BY SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.07.2022 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.

(b) and (c) Installation of GPS (Global Positioning System) based Passenger Announcement cum Passenger Information System (PAPIS) in EMU (Electric Multiple Unit) and Kolkata Metro has already been started. This Passenger Information System informs the passengers regarding the next approaching station through audio announcement on speakers as well as through video display on LED (Light-Emitting Diode) screens simultaneously. Further, newly manufactured EMU/ MEMU (Mainline Electric Multiple Unit) rakes and Electric Trainsets are already equipped with such technology/system. PAPIS system is also available in premium trains like Vande Bharat, Humsafar, Tejas and UDAY Express. Public Announcement Systems are available in Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Gatiman Express trains and in the Vistadome coaches wherein announcement is done by onboard staff.

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(d) Indian Railways endeavours to gradually proliferate Passenger Announcement cum Passenger Information System in more coaches in order to provide enhanced amenities for train passengers.

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