GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2657 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024

LACK OF BIO-TOILET FACILITIES

2657 DR. BYREDDY SHABARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has observed that large number of rail coaches being operated at Nandyal are lacking toilet facilities, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has noticed that trains 07284/07285/07498/07499 running from Nandyal with coaches are not having functional bio-toilets, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to ensure availability of bio-toilets in all rail coaches;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide more DEMU trains from Nandyal to surrounding regions; and
- (d) the details of steps taken to improve passenger commutation and passenger amenities at all railway stations of Nandyal Parliamentary Constituency?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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(a) to (d): All passenger carrying mainline coaches (excluding EMU & few MEMUs/DEMUs) have been provided with Bio-toilets.

Presently, 04 DEMU rakes are utilized in Guntakal Division, South Central Railway to operate service of trains 07284/07285/07498/07499. The bio-toilets, in these DEMU rakes, are being maintained as per schedule to ensure their proper functionality.

Nandyal station is presently being served by 28 train services including 4 DEMU train services. Besides, introduction of new train is ongoing process on Indian Railways, subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability resources etc.

Indian Railway has recently launched Amrit Bharat Station scheme which envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with long term approach.73 stations in the State of Andhra Pradesh, including Nandyal junction & Dhone station in Nandyal parliamentary constituency have been identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station scheme.

Further, up-gradation/development/redevelopment of stations on Indian Railways is a continuous and on-going process.
