### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3070 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2016

#### **NEW TRAINS**

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SHRI D.S. RATHOD:

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**SHRI PARESH RAVAL:** 

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce new trains during the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof across the country, State and zone-wise;
- (c) whether new provisions for passenger amenities are to be improved at the stations and if so, the details thereof, station-wise; and
- (d) whether demarcation of new railway zones are under consideration of the Government and if so, the details thereof?

#### ANSWER

## MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Introduction of new trains is an ongoing process subject to traffic demand, availability of necessary infrastructure, resources etc. However, Indian Railways do not run new train services on Statewise/District-wise/Union-Territory basis as railway network and train operations between originating & terminating stations lying on various Zonal Railways cut across State/District boundaries.

- (c): Upgradation of passenger amenities based on the prescribed norms is a continuous process and the same is undertaken based on the volume of passenger traffic handled at all the stations, *inter-se* priority of works etc. subject to availability of funds.
- (d): At present, there is no plan to set up new Zones on Indian Railways. However, a Committee of senior officers from Railways has been constituted to, inter-alia, examine the feasibility of setting up a new railway zone in the successor State of Andhra Pradesh, in terms of Item No. 8 of Schedule 13 (Infrastructure) of Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014.

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