

(b) the number of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes among them?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Passenger Facilities

6780. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA :

SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of names of trains in which passengers have been provided with better drinking water and lightening facilities; Zone-wise;

(b) the details of other facilities provided in these trains; and

(c) the details of other trains in which such facilities are proposed to be provided during the current year, Zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIF) : (a) A Statement is attached.

(b) Newspapers are supplied to the passengers travelling in First AC and AC sleeper coaches of Rajdhani Express trains and passengers travelling in some Shatabdi Expresses. Bed rolls are supplied to all passengers having sleeping accommodation in Rajdhani Expresses without realising any charges. Public Address System has been provided on all Shatabdi Express and Rajdhani Express trains.

(c) Supply of bed rolls is being extended to all the passengers in AC 2-Tier coaches of other trains.

STATEMENT

(a) The number and names of Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains in which drinking water in bottles and improved illumination through fluorescent tube lights is provided to the passengers are given below :

RAJDHANI EXPRESSES

S.No.	Train	
(i)	2951/2952	New Delhi-Bombay Central
(ii)	2953/2954	Nizamuddin-Bombay Central (August Kranti Rajdhani)
(iii)	2301/2302	New Delhi-Howrah (via Gaya)
(iv)	2305/2306	New Delhi-Howrah (Via Patna)
(v)	2421/2422	New Delhi-Bhubaneswar
(vi)	2423/2424	New Delhi-Guwahati
(vii)	2431/2432	Hazrat Nizamuddin-Madras/Trivandrum

(viii)	2429/2430	Hazrat Nizamuddin-Bangalore
(ix)	2425/2426	Hazrat Nizamuddin-Jammu Tawi

SHATABDI EXPRESSES

(i)	2001/2002	New Delhi-Bhopal
(ii)	2003/2004	New Delhi-Lucknow
(iii)	2005/2006	New Delhi-Kalka
(iv)	2007/2008	Madras Central-Mysore
(v)	2009/2010	Bombay Central-Ahmedabad
(vi)	2011/2012	New Delhi-Chandigarh
(vii)	2013/2014	New Delhi-Amritsar
(viii)	2015/2016	New Delhi-Jaipur
(ix)	2017/2018	New Delhi-Dehradun
(x)		New Delhi-Kathgodam Special

In addition all airconditioned coaches in other trains are provided with fluorescent tube lights.

Gauge Conversion

6781. SHRI SHAILENDRA MAHTO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the time when the conversion of Metre Gauge Line into Broad Gauge line from Giridih to Ranchi, via Koderma Hazaribagh town, was started;

(b) the progress made so far; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No railway line exists from Giridih to Ranchi via Koderma Hazaribagh town.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

Voluntary Organisations

6782. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether voluntary organisations working in the consumer field have suggested amendments in the Consumer Protection Act, 1986;

(b) if so, the amendments suggested; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The suggestions mainly relates to enlarging the scope of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 so as to make it more effective for protecting the rights of consumers.