

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1374
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BASIC TOILET FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current guidelines for providing toilets in Diesel Electric Multiple Units (DEMUs) and Mainline Electric Multiple Units (MEMUs);
- (b) the details of the DEMUs and MEMUs running in the country with no basic toilet facility for the commuters and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Railways plan to provide toilet facilities in these trains and if so, the time by which it will be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

- (a) As per the present policy guidelines, toilet facilities are to be provided in Diesel Electric Multiple Unit (DEMU)/Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) trains having journey time of more than 2 hours. Production of new DEMU and MEMU coaches with toilet facilities has already commenced since 2009-10.
- (b) DEMU and MEMU coaches which have been manufactured prior to 2009-10 do not have toilet facilities as there was no such policy for provision of toilets on these coaches.
- (c) No, Madam. Presently there is no plan for retrofitment of toilets in DEMU/MEMU coaches manufactured prior to 2009-10 as the same involves major modification in the coach structure.