GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4306 ANSWERED ON:20.02.2014 TRAINS FOR KERALA J Helen Davidson;Raghavan Shri M. K.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of weekly and bi-weekly trains connecting Kerala to other places in the country;
- (b) the details of operation of these trains in the last three years indicating the passenger reservations;
- (c) the measures being taken to increase the frequency of the said trains including converting them to daily trains;
- (d) whether the said trains are run with old and dilapidated coaches putting the lives of the passengers at risk; and
- (e) if so, the steps being taken by the Railway to provide good coaches?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b) Indian Railways do not run trains on state-wise basis, as railway network run across state boundaries.
- (c) Increase in frequency of existing trains is an on-going process subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources, etc.
- (d) and (e) Coaches are attached in trains only if they are in fit running condition. However, introduction of new coaches is a continuous process depending on age profile of old coaches & availability of newly built coaches.