GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1886 ANSWERED ON:09.03.2015 WI FI FACILITIES IN TRAINS Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to provide Wi- Fi facilities in major trains in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways have received complaints regarding slow and ineffective Wi-Fi connections and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to ensure a smooth and fast Wi-Fi connectivity in trains?

Answer

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

(a): Railway presently proposes to have Wi-Fi facility in select trains only.

(b): No specific complaints received have been regarding slow and ineffective Wi-Fi connections from passengers of 12301/12302 Howrah- New Delhi - Howrah Rajdhani Express (Only train currently having Wi-Fi as a pilot project) where, Wi-Fi facility is given free to passengers.

However, since the Internet Bandwidth on 12301/12302 Rajdhani Express is through satellite link, there is a limit to the overall bandwidth in the speed with which passengers can access the Internet. Currently, 4 Mbps satellite link is available for the two rakes of 12301/12302 Rajdhani Express.

(c): The functioning of Wi-Fi is continuously being monitored and is satisfactory.