

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4161
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2015
BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR PASSENGER AMENITIES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total budget allocation made and utilised for works related to passenger facilities provided in trains during each of the last three years ; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the facilities at railway stations and in the trains?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4161 BY COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.04.2015 REGARDING BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR PASSENGER AMENITIES

(a) In the plan expenditure, Budget provision is made plan head-wise which relate to activities. The Budget and Accounting systems do not have provision for asset-wise or train-wise fund allocation. Provision of funds for passenger amenities is made primarily under plan head "Passenger Amenities" in "Demand No. 16-Assets-Acquisition, Construction & Replacement". The total allocation made for this planhead and utilization in the last three years is as under :

(Rs.in crore)

Year	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate	Actual Expenditure
2012-13	1102.40	967.85	841.79
2013-14	1200.40	895.36	862.41
2014-15	1038.20	1049.91	..

(b) : Passenger amenities are prescribed as per the comprehensive policy adopted by Indian Railways based on categorization of stations. Improvement/augmentation of passenger amenities at railway stations is a continuous process and the same is undertaken based on the category of stations taking into consideration the volume of passenger traffic handled at station inter-se priority of works, tourist importance of the station etc., subject to availability of funds. As part of continual improvement in improving passenger amenity in trains and stations, the following actions have been /are being taken by Indian Railways:

provision of cushioned seats/berths in General Second class Non-Airconditioned coaches

provision of snack table and magazine bags in Sleeper class coaches

provision of Automatic Fire & Smoke detection system in 3 rakes

provision of Braille signage in coaches to facilitate visually impaired passengers

provision of CCTV cameras in 3 coaches

provision of dustbin in Non-Airconditioned coaches

provision of escalators/elevators at platforms

provision of mobile charging facilities at stations and trains