GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3517 ANSWERED ON:15.12.2014 FACILITIES AT RAILWAY STATIONS Chinnaraj Shri Gopalakrishnan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to improve the infrastructure facilities at Mettupalayam Railway station and Ooty Railway Station to attract more foreign tourists and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Mettupalayam is an 'A' category and Udagamandalam (Ooty) is an 'E' category station. All amenities as per norms of Minimum Essential Amenities (MEA) are available at these stations.

Upgradation/augmentation of amenities at station is a continuous process. In order to further improve passenger amenities, works for increasing Clear Standing Length (CSL) of Road No.1 and extension of platform No.1 to hold 24 coaches, improvement to circulating area, provision of 'Nilgiri Mountain Railway' Museum and provision of separate toilet block on platform No.1 at Mettupalayam station have been sanctioned.