

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1505
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2019**

UTTAM RAKE

**1505. DR. HEENA GAVIT:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Railways celebrated the 69th Foundation Day of Western Railway recently and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the number of Uttam rakes built by Integral Coach Factory in the last three years;**
- (c) whether Indian Railways has introduced the State-of-the art “Uttam Rake” for the comfort of Mumbaikars and if so, the details thereof and the salient features of Uttam rake;**
- (d) whether the Government is considering to increase the number of Ladies Special local trains for the benefit of ladies; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which a decision in the matter will be taken and the other steps taken by the Government to provide more facilities to train commuters in suburban trains of Indian Railways?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): No, Sir. No formal function or celebrations were held for the 69th Foundation Day of Western Railway.

(b): Two Uttam rakes have been manufactured by Integral Coach Factory / Chennai. One is allotted to Western Railway and the other to Central Railway.

(c): Yes, Sir. Western Railway has introduced the state-of-the-art Uttam rake unit No. 5533/5534 on 15.10.2019 for the local trains in Mumbai.

The salient features of Uttam rakes are as under:-

- **Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras installed in every coach.**
- **Emergency chains have been replaced with emergency push buttons.**
- **Fibre Reinforced Plastic (FRP) moulded interior paneling with aesthetic colours.**
- **Seats made from FRP with wood finish.**
- **Equipped with FRP cladded partitions.**
- **Modular and Wider luggage rack.**
- **Anti-dent partitions in coaches to prevent thefts.**
- **Improved dual lock stopper with dual slot handles windows in all coaches.**
- **Wider and improved grab handles for better grip.**
- **Latest powdered coated brushless DC (BLDC) fans in all coaches which consumes 30% less energy than conventional fans.**

- **Provision of modular type diffused LED lights.**
- **Electrically operated Passenger Alarm System in place of traditional emergency chains.**
- **Provision of camouflaged aluminium moulded strips on floor to discourage theft.**
- **Stainless steel protective plate near all passenger seats to avoid colour fading due to footwear friction.**
- **Red emergency buttons.**

(d) & (e): Introduction of additional trains including Ladies special trains is an on-going process on Indian Railways. Presently, Mumbai suburban sector is being catered by 14 Ladies special trains and are being further supplemented by 20 trains having partially earmarked 3 coaches each per day.
