GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1238 ANSWERED ON 11.02.2022

STATUS OF VISTADOME TRAINS

1238 SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the zone-wise details of Vistadome Trains currently operational and the details of such trains/routes currently undergoing development;
- (b) whether there has been any expression of interest from the East Coast Railway (ECR) or the Government of Odisha to develop such a route in the State of Odisha, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the criteria for selecting routes under the Vistadome project?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1238 BY SHRI SUJEET KUMAR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 11.02.2022 REGARDING STATUS OF VISTADOME TRAINS

(a) At present, 45 number of trains over Zonal Railways are being operated with Vistadome coaches in their composition, as detailed below;-

| Sl No. | Zonal Railway | Details of Trains |
|--------|----------------------------|--|
| 1. | Central Railway | 11007/08 Mumbai-Pune Express |
| | | 12051/52 Mumbai-Madgaon Express |
| | | 12123/24 Deccan Queen Express |
| 2. | East Coast Railway | 18551/52 Visakhapatnam-Kirandul Express |
| | | (Upto Araku) |
| 3. | Northeast Frontier Railway | 15777/78 Alipurduar – New Jalpaiguri Express |
| | | 15887/88 Guwahati-Badarpur Express |
| | | 15907/08 Tinsukia-Naharlagun Express |
| | | 52593/95/98/44, 52541, 52540, 52556 |
| | | Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (NG) |
| 4. | Western Railway | 20947/48 Ahmedabad-Kevadiya Express |
| | | 20949/50 Ahmedabad-Kevadiya Express |
| | | 52965/66 Mhow-Patalpani-Kalakund(MG) |
| | | 09501/02, 09071/72 Billimora-Waghai(NG) |
| 5. | South Western Railway | 16539/40 Yeswantpur-Mangalore Express |
| | | 16515/16 Yeswantpur-Karwar Express |
| | | 16575/76 Yeswantpur-Mangalore Express |
| | | 16579/80 Yeswantpur-Shivamogga Express |
| 6. | Northern Railway | 52453/54, 52459/60 Kalka - Shimla Express |
| 7. | North Eastern Railway | 05319/20 Mailani-Bichia Special(MG) |

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Routes are selected based on natural scenic beauty. Further, allotment of Vistadome coaches is based on factors such as availability of Vistadome coaches, its operational feasibility, load limitations, day-time journey of the train and demand of the passengers.
