## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 451 ANSWERED ON 04.02.2022

#### RAILWAY CONNECTIVITY TO MIGRATION AND CULTURAL SECTORS

451 # SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any project has been approved to connect the migration and cultural sectors in the country with railway connectivity, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether any project has been identified for any migration and cultural sectors in Gujarat in this context, if so, the details thereof?

### ANSWER

# MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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**STATEMENT** REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 451 BY SHRI NARHARI AMIN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 04.02.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY CONNECTIVITY TO MIGRATION AND CULTURAL SECTORS.

(a): Railway Projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socioeconomic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands. Identification and sanction of new projects is a continuous and ongoing process.

Indian Railways has a network of 67,956 Route km which covers all the sectors of the country. Further, as on 01.04.2021, 187 New line projects of 21,037 km length, costing ₹4,05,916 crore are in various stages of planning/execution and approval, out of which commissioning of 2,621 km length has been achieved and expenditure of ₹1,05,591 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.

(b): Gujarat state is having total 5,301 Route km of railway network and is very well connected. To further improve the railway connectivity, 4 new line railway projects of total length 479 km costing ₹5,006 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat, are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which, 79 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹1,793 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021. New line connectivity upto Kevedia (Statue of Unity) has been commissioned in January,2021. New line project of Taranga Hill- Abu Road via Ambaji has also been identified. Detailed Project Report of the project has been prepared.

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