GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2068 ANSWERED ON 23.12.2022

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN RAILWAYS

2068 SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether railway stations have the arrangement for solid waste management and sewage system in place as per the guidelines of National Green Tribunal (NGT);
- (b) if not, by when Railways plan to put this system in place in Punjab and other parts of the country; and
- (c) in how many Limited Height Subways (LHS) in Punjab rain water harvesting system is provided but not functional?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b) Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed Railways to develop identified major stations as per environmental norms which, inter-alia, may include, besides other provisions, arrangement of solid waste management and sewage system. Instructions have been issued to all Zonal Railways to implement these directions on the identified major stations including stations falling in Punjab State.

(c) In Punjab, rain water harvesting system was provided in 329 nos of Limited Height Subways (LHS) and all systems are functioning well.
