GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2832 ANSWERED ON 24.03.2023

CONNECTING TOURIST PLACES WITH RAIL SERVICE

2832 # SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tourist places are being connected by rail service through the "Dekho Apna Desh Scheme" to promote tourism by Railways;
- (b) if so, the number of tourist places in the country which have been selected under this scheme so far;
- (c) whether Railways has launched a special train service for the transit of tourists to these tourist places; and
- (d) whether tourist places in Gujarat have also been selected under this scheme, if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) and (b) No, Sir. As advised by Ministry of Tourism, Dekho Apna Desh is a campaign run by them through webinar to promote lesser known tourist destinations. It was launched online during covid period in the form of webinar of one hour on Saturdays. There is no provision of selecting any tourist place under this campaign. The Dekho Apna Desh campaign has, therefore, no relation with connecting tourist places through railway services.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.