## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

## RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1561 ANSWERED ON 15.12.2023

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CANCER PATIENTS FROM SBF

1561 SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria which has been fixed for payment to cancer patients from Staff Benefit Fund (SBF); and
- (b) the total number of cancer patients who got help from SBF in North Eastern Railway and East Central Railway during FY 2020-21, 2021-22 & April 2022 to 15th October, 2023?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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**STATEMENT** REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1561 BY SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 15.12.2023 REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CANCER PATIENTS FROM SBF

(a) In cases of prolonged sickness/severe diseases including cancer, financial assistance is granted from Staff Benefit Fund (SBF) to provide relief. The employee has to be in Pay Level 1 to 7 of Pay Matrix (7<sup>th</sup> CPC) and submit application seeking assistance from SBF with relevant medical records and details of expenses involved. The same is sent for scrutiny of Doctors in Railway Hospital and on the basis of recommendation received, Central Staff Benefit Fund Committee issues sanction order for payment from SBF.

### (b) The details are as under:

| Financial Year                  | North Eastern Railway | East Central Railway |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 2020-21                         | 08                    | 98                   |
| 2021-22                         | 16                    | 101                  |
| 2022-23                         | 20                    | 92                   |
| April 2023 to 15th October 2023 | 19                    | 36                   |
| Total                           | 63                    | 327                  |

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