GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 72

TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 04, 2023

NAMO BHARAT TRAIN

NO. 72. SMT. DARSHANA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 17 KM section of Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut, country's first semi-high speed Regional Rapid Train renamed as Namo Bharat train recently between Sahibabad and Duhai Depot;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features of the Namo Bharat train;
- (c) the present status of country's first semi-high speed Rapid Rail Transit System (RRTS) and the time by which it is likely to be completed and open for public; and
- (d) the total amount of expenditure incurred on the said project till now and the amount likely to be incurred for its completion?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

- (a): Yes sir.
- (b): The details and the salient features of the Namo Bharat train, as informed by National Capital Region Transport Corporation Ltd. (NCRTC), are as follows:
 - The Namo Bharat trains have a design speed of 180 Kmph and operational speed of 160 Kmph.
 - One reserved coach for women commuters in each train with the provision of reserved seats for women in other coaches.
 - Designated space for wheelchair, and stretcher for moving patients.
 - Comfortable cushioned 2x2 transverse seating.
 - CCTV cameras and public announcement systems.
 - Panoramic Windows.
 - Provision of premium coach in each train with facilities like reclining seats, sun blinds, footrests, laptop charging sockets etc.
- (c): The Physical and Financial progress of Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor as on 31.10.2023 is 67.3% and 60.0% respectively. The target for completion of this Project is June, 2025.
- (d): Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 30,274 crore. NCRTC has informed that as on 31.10.2023, an expenditure of Rs. 18,160.81 core has been incurred on the project.
