

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2201
ANSWERED ON 09.08.2024

NEW TRAINS FOR NORTH-EASTERN REGION

2201 SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of new trains including Vistadome and Vande Bharat introduced within NER and connecting NER, during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government is considering introduction/ extension of Jana Shatabdi for connecting the most backward tribal districts of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh viz Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Pasighat, Upper Siang, Lower Siang, West and East Siang, Lower Dibang Valley, etc;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has received proposal to introduce a daily express train from Dibrugarh via Tinsukia to Ahmedabad via Abu Road; and
- (e) if so, status of its consideration?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) As the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. However, during period 2021-2022 to 2023-2024, 11 pairs of train services including 03 pairs of Vande Bharat Express services viz. 22227/22228 New Jalpaiguri-Guwahati Vande Bharat Express, 22301/22302 Howrah-New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat Express and 22233/22234 Patna-New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat Express and 15887/15888 Guwahati-Badarpur Express (operated with Vistadome Coach) have been introduced to serve the States located in the North-Eastern Frontier Railway.

Presently, North Lakhimpur is being served by 16 train services including 02 Rajdhani train services while Dhemaji is being served by 14 train services.

Murkeongselek station, which serves Lower, Upper, East, West Siang and Pasighat, is presently being catered by 08 train services. Similarly, New Tinsukia station, which serves the lower Dibang area, is presently being catered by 36 train services including 02 Rajdhani services.

Further, receipt of proposals inter-alia relating to introduction of train services, and their examination is an on-going process on Indian Railways.
