### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

## LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 115 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022

#### **SETTING UP OF ESCALATORS AND LIFTS**

#### †\*115. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:

#### Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Escalators and Lifts in various Railway Station premises across the country in view of the problems being faced by Women, Divyangs and children while climbing the stairs of Foot Over Bridges located there;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION No. 115 BY SHRI SUNIL KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.12.2022 REGARDING SETTING UP OF ESCALATORS AND LIFTS

(a) to (c) In order to facilitate easy movement of elderly, sick and for smooth access to platforms of major railway stations and for ease of movements, escalators are being provided progressively at Railway stations. As per the extant policy, inter-alia, escalators are provided at Railway stations having average footfall equal to or greater than 25,000 passengers per day, State capitals, cities with population of more than 10 lakhs, stations of tourist importance, request of public representatives and is subject to techno-economic feasibility.

Further, as part of 'Sugmya Bharat Abhiyan' for differently-abled passengers, lifts at Railway stations are being provided depending upon relative priority of various stations availability of resources and feasibility for provision of lifts. As a part of this, as on 30.11.2022, 1112 nos. of escalators at 341 stations and 1018 nos. of lifts at 409 stations over Indian Railways have been provided.

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