

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1271
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022**

INCREASING FREQUENCY OF TRAINS

†1271. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take steps to increase the frequency of train no.22147-22148, train no.12131-12132 and train no.22455-22456 which ply to and from Shirdi to run it on daily basis and ensure provision of bed sheets in AC coaches and make facility of pantry available in train no.22455-22456;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether request letters have been received from people's representatives in August, 2022 in this regard;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the details of the progress made in this regard till date?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) Requests, including from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, have been received for increase in frequency of 22147/22148 Dadar-Shirdi Express(Weekly) and 12131/12132 Dadar-Shirdi Express(Tri-weekly) to daily, provision of linen in these trains and provision of pantry car in 22455/22456 Kalka-Shirdi Express(Bi-weekly).

Owing to operational constraints including path constraints, increase in frequency of these services to daily is not feasible, at present. However, on a weekly basis 8 (eight) services are catering to the needs of Mumbai-Shirdi sector. Linen, are being provided in the AC Coaches of these train services.

To provide catering facilities to the passengers on-board 22455/22456 Kalka-Shirdi Express, presently, Train side vending on end-to-end basis has been provided, which is in addition to the e-catering services available at major stations en-route.
