GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.471 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023

PROVISION OF NEW TRAINS

*471. SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for provision of new trains in the entire country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposals for introduction of new trains from Balasore to Mumbai, Balasore to Surat and Jaleswar to Digha are under consideration of the Government; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 471 BY SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.04.2023 REGARDING PROVISION OF NEW TRAINS

(a) to (d) Balasore station is being served by 67 pairs of Mail/Express trains and is well connected to both Kharagpur and Bhubaneswar stations. Passengers of Balasore may avail the existing train connectivity for Mumbai and Surat, available from Kharagpur and Bhubaneswar stations. Presently, Bhubaneswar-Mumbai sector is catered to by 04 pairs of train services while Bhubaneswar-Surat sector is being served by 5 pairs of trains. Similarly, Kharagpur is well connected to both Mumbai and Surat by 4 pairs of trains each.

Besides, introduction of train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, resource availability, traffic justification, etc.

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