GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3556 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2023 ECONOMIC IMPACT OF VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has made any assessment to find out the economic impact of the Vande Bharat Trains so far operated in the country;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the data on revenue generated and cost savings of the same so far;
- (d) whether the Government has plans to stabilise the operating ratio of these trains which is about 98.22% now;
- (e) if so, the timeline devised therefor; and
- (f) the details of new Vande Bharat Trains likely to be introduced in the country, particularly in Odisha under East Coast Zone?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) : No, Sir.

(c) : Earnings from passenger fare in Vande Bharat trains is as under:

Financial Year	Total Earnings (₹ in crore)
2019-20	172.90
2020-21	64.14
2021-22	150.35
2022-23 (Till February 2023)	419.66

Train wise cost savings figures are not maintained.

- (d) & (e): Operating Ratio is not maintained train wise.
- (f): Introduction of Vande Bharat services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways (IR) subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of rolling stock etc. Train services are not introduced on Statewise basis, as the Railway network straddle across State boundaries.
