GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4619 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023

RENAMING/NAMING OF TRAINS

4619. SHRI S.VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is likely to consider the demand for renaming/naming all the trains, operating within States in respective regional languages, which are now in other than regional languages and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry will advise Railways' administration to rename/name all the trains in regional languages atleast of those trains operating within the States falling under C category under Official Language Implementation Rules and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry will advise naming/ renaming trains operating within Tamil Nadu in Tamil since the State is altogether exempted from the purview of the Official Language Implementation Rules; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Trains are named after cities, States, rivers, mountains, regions, dynasties, monuments, famous book, special characteristic of the trains, place, etc. Instructions exist for usage of language on Destination Boards of trains. These inter alia provide that the language(s) on Destination Boards / Belly Boards on the SLR of trains shall be in Hindi, English and the Regional Language(s) of the train originating / terminating station(s), in case these are different from Hindi.
