PASSENGER TRAIN IN TELANGANA

5433. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal to start passenger train on existing railway lines between Motumari, Jaggaiahpet, Mellacheruvu, Mattampally, Janapahad, Vishnupuram etc. in Telangana, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the commissioner for railway safety has raised any concerns regarding the above lines, if so, the details thereof;
(c) the details of the operational constraints due to which passenger train has not been started yet;
(d) whether the Government has conducted the required surveys recently to determine the operational feasibility of starting such passenger train; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) Representations including from the Hon’ble Member of Parliament have been received in this regard. Motumari-Vishnupuram line was built to cater to the needs of freight traffic only and is being presently used accordingly. At present, the section is not fit for passenger train operations and lacks necessary passenger amenities as well. However, subject to operational feasibility, resource availability, competing demands etc., introduction of passenger train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways.

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