GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1120 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023

OPERATION OF VANDE BHARAT TRAIN FROM DARBHANGA TO NEW DELHI

†1120. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Darbhanga railway station generates maximum revenue amongst all the railway stations under Samasthipur division and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether new superfast train for long distance has not been started from this station for the last several years and if so, the details and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Ministry proposes to start Vande Bharat train from Darbhanga to New Delhi and Darbhanga to Patna; and
- (d) if so, the details of operation of the above mentioned Vande Bharat trains?

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1120 BY SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.07.2023 REGARDING OPERATION OF VANDE BHARAT TRAIN FROM DARBHANGA TO NEW DELHI

- (a) Yes sir. Total Originating Coaching Revenue generated at Darbhanga Railway Station during FY 2022-23 is Rs. 157.03 Crore, which is highest amongst all the Railway Stations under Samastipur Division.
- (b) to (d) Darbhanga station is presently being served by 33 pairs of Mail/Express services and 16 pairs of Passenger Special services, which include the long distance services of 22551/22552 Darbhanga-Jalandhar City Express introduced w.e.f 15.05.2018. Services of 15551/15552 Darbhanga-Varanasi Express has been introduced w.e.f 06.03.2019. Further, Darbhanga is presently connected to Delhi by 03 pairs of Mail/Express services and to Patna by 07 pairs of Mail/Express services and 01 pair of Passenger Special service. Introduction of trains including Vande Bharat trains is an ongoing process over Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of resources etc.
