GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2112 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023

STOPPAGES OF VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

2112. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of target set and achievements made so far regarding manufacturing and operation of Vande Bharat trains in the country;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to export these trains to other countries like Europe, South America and East Asia in the coming years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and steps being taken by the Government to tap the export market of these trains;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to provide more stoppages of Vande Bharat trains running between Patna to Ranchi keeping in view the huge demand of public in these localities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said stoppages are likely to be provided?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) Production units have manufactured 216 Vande Bharat coaches up to 31st March 2023 and 160 coaches during 2023-24 up to July 2023.

At present, 50 Vande Bharat Services are operational over Indian Railways.

- (b) & (c) Rail India Technical and Economic Service (RITES) Ltd., an Indian Railway Public Sector Undertaking is authorised to export Rolling Stock to other countries. It continuously explores export potential of all rolling stock to various countries.
- (d) & (e) Indian Railways, with a view to provide better travel experience and faster services to the passengers, are introducing Vande Bharat services, which are being operated with tight schedule and very limited stoppages enroute. More stoppages would decelerate the service and adversely affect its Punctuality. However, stoppages of train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification etc.
