GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2262 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023

INSTALLATION OF CCTV CAMERAS IN SOUTHERN RAILWAY

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of CCTV cameras installed in various railway stations in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the time duration for which CCTV data is stored by various departments of the Railways;
- (c) whether Southern Railway is using facial recognition and other forms of biometric technologies, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Railways has enacted any security and privacy policies, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Railways has conducted any form of study before installing CCTV cameras, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) Total 1280 CCTV Cameras have been installed in various stations in Tamil Nadu.
- (b) The recordings of cameras are stored for 30 days.
- (c) Till date, Facial Recognition and other forms of biometric technologies have not been used on Southern Railway.
- (d) Indian Railway has issued specification for Internet Protocol (IP) based Video Surveillance System (No.RDSO/ SDN/PC/65/2021 version 6.0) that covers General Requirements including Cyber Security.
- (e) Joint survey for deciding location of CCTV cameras before installation is done at every station by all stakeholders.
