GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2284 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2020

RAJDHANI TRAIN FROM NEW DELHI TO AGARTALA

2284. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has received any proposal for starting Rajdhani Train from New Delhi to Agartala and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Railways proposes to connect Tripura with Southern and Western parts of the country by Broad Gauge;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken and implemented in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a) Presently, two pairs of train services, including 20501/20502 Agartala Anand Vihar Terminal Rajdhani Express, are serving the New Delhi Agartala sector. There is no proposal to introduce additional services on the sector, at present.
- (b) to (d) At present, Agartala, the State Capital of Tripura, is connected to major cities like Bengaluru, Kolkata, etc. For destinations not directly connected, passengers may avail change over at Guwahati, which is well connected to stations located in Southern/Western parts of the country. Owing to operational and resource constraints, there is no proposal to operate additional services from Agartala. However, introduction of trains is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of resources etc.
