GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 623 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2020

VISTADOME COACH TO PROMOTE TOURISM

†623. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN VAJESINGBHAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Vistadome coach scheme of Government to promote tourism has been successful and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether facilities provided in the said coaches are adequate and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether special arrangements have been made for passengers safety in the said coaches and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government is considering to increase the number of the said coaches in future and if so, the details in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): Yes, Sir. Two Vistadome Coaches are being operated by IR, one in Vishakhapatnam - Araku Sector by train no. 58501-58502 Vishakhapatnam Kirandul Passenger and other in Mumbai - Madgaon Sector by train no. 11051-11052 Dadar Madgaon Janshatabdi Express. The Occupancy of the Vistadome coach running on Vishakhapatnam - Araku Sector is 99.34% for the period from 01.04.2019 to 31.12.2019, while that of Mumbai - Madgaon Sector ranges from 62.21% to 98.19% during the same period.

- (b): Yes, Sir. The facilities provided are adequate and include wide windows, observation window at one end, roof with glass look out with controlled opalescence, rotatable seats, passenger information system, automatic sliding doors, mini pantry, wide door for divyang, etc.
- (c): Yes, Sir. Apart from standard safety arrangements, the Glass used in Vistadome coaches are shatter resistant with a film coating for safety of passengers.
- (d): Yes, Sir. Additional 10 Vistadome Coaches have been planned for production program of 2019-20.
