GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2684 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2021

INTERNET IN TRAINS

+2684. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a)whether the Ministry has taken any steps to provide internet facility in long distance trains originating from Bhagalpur and if so, the details thereof:
- (b) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to install CCTV cameras in all the coaches of all trains starting from Bhagalpur to New Delhi (Delhi, Anand Vihar), Surat, Lokmanya Tilak and other places to enhance the safety of the passengers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof train-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) Yes, Sir. As a pilot project, Wi-Fi based internet facility was provided in Howrah Rajdhani Express Trains through Satellite Communication technology. This technology was capital intensive, with recurring costs in the form of bandwidth charges and thus was not cost effective. Also, the internet bandwidth availability to passengers was inadequate. Hence the project was dropped.

At present suitable cost effective technology for provision of Wi-Fi based internet services in trains is not available.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Railways have approved works to install Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Cameras in all train coaches. So far, CCTV Cameras have already been provided in 4141 coaches.

The train type wise and Zonal Railway wise details are appended.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2684 BY SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.08.2021 REGARDING INTERNET IN TRAINS

(b) & (c) List of CCTV Cameras in Coaches:

Zonal Railways	Train- 18 Type	LHB	ICF	MEMU	EMU	/DMU	Others	Total
	(I)	(II)	(III)	(IV)	(V)	(VI)	(VII)	(I) to (VII)
CENTRAL		60		96	203	18		377
EAST COST		327	12					339
EAST CENTRAL		81				14		95
EASTERN		161	4		28			193
NORTH CENTRAL		77		8				85
NORTH EASTERN		67	1	32		8		108
NORTHEAST FRONTIER		98						98
NORTHERN	32	418			8	3	1	462
NORTH WESTERN		97				10		107
SOUTH CENTRAL		251		72	40	5		368
SOUTH EAST CENTRAL		32		72		2		106
SOUTH EASTERN		113			62			175
SOUTHERN		117	9	128	81			335
SOUTH WESTERN		280		56				336
WEST CENTRAL		19		32				51
WESTERN		608		48	204	8		868
KONKAN		36				2		38
Total	32	2842	26	544	626	70	1	4141
