GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1711 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2021

OXYGEN TRAINS FROM RANCHI

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and details of trains from Ranchi in which oxygen was transported during the Corona Pandemic period including the role of Ranchi and Jharkhand in this regard;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government for expansion of passenger train facilities in Ranchi Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (c) whether there is any plan to operate trains with vistadome coaches to boost tourism in Ranchi ; and
- (d) if so, the details of timeline decided in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a): No train originated from Ranchi station itself for carrying oxygen during Corona Pandemic period. However, 49 number of Oxygen Express trains loaded with 165 tankers carrying 2280.14 tonnes of oxygen were

transported from Jharkhand to different States.

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(b): Recently, 18631/18632 Ranchi-Chopan Express has been introduced w.e.f. 01.11.2021. Besides, introduction of train is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic demand and availability of resources etc.

(c) and (d): Running of Vistadome Coaches in trains is based on factors such as availability of Vistadome Coaches, its operational feasibility, load limitations, day-time journey of the train and demand of the passengers on the existing routes of Indian Railways. At present, there is no train operational with Vistadome Coaches in Ranchi area.

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