2920. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government runs tourism special or rail tour trains in Bhubaneswar and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning to increase the frequency of such trains or add coaches to the existing trains;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the passengers travelling in tourism special or rail tour trains during the last five years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) IRCTC operates tourist special trains such as Bharat Darshan and Pilgrim Special trains from time to time on different itineraries based on market demand. Two such Bharat Darshan trips have been operated in the last three years which covered Bhubaneswar. Details of the same are appended. Frequency of these trains depends upon market demand. These trains have a standard coach composition.

(d) 672 tourists have travelled in Bharat Darshan tourist trains in the last five years to Bhubaneswar. Details are appended.

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APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2920 BY SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.12.2021 REGARDING SPECIAL TRAINS IN BHUBANESWAR

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