

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 558  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2021**

**VISTADOME COACHES**

**558. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:  
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:  
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to add 5 additional Vistadome Coaches on the Vishakhapatnam Araku Route which is a prime tourist destination;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether any additional vistadome coaches have been provided on any other tourist circuit route in the country; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

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

**(a) and (b). Three Vistadome Coaches have been allotted to East Coast Railway for Visakhapatnam-Araku-Kirandul route. At present, two Vistadome Coaches are operational on Visakhapatnam-Araku -Kirandul route.**

**Allotment of Vistadome Coaches 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.**

**(c) and (d). The details of Vistadome Coaches available on tourist circuit routes over Indian Railways is appended.**

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**APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) AND (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 558 BY SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY, SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV AND SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 01.12.2021 REGARDING VISTADOME COACHES**

**(c) and (d) Details of Vistadome coaches available over various tourist circuit routes of Indian Railways**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Railway</b>	<b>Gauge</b>	<b>No. of Vistadome Coaches</b>
<b>Broad Gauge Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) VISTADOME Coaches</b>			
<b>Ahmedabad-Kewadiya</b>	<b>Western Railway</b>	<b>BG</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Mumbai-Madgaon, Mumbai-Pune</b>	<b>Central Railway</b>	<b>BG</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Vishakhapatnam-Araku-Kirandul</b>	<b>East Coast Railway</b>	<b>BG</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Yeshwantpur-Karwar (via Mangaluru), Yeshwantpur-Mangaluru</b>	<b>South Western Railway</b>	<b>BG</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>New Jalpaiguri-Alipurduar, Guwahati-New Haflong</b>	<b>Northeast Frontier Railway</b>	<b>BG</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>BG ICF VISTADOME Coaches</b>			
<b>Dadar and Madgaon</b>	<b>Central Railway</b>	<b>BG</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Araku valley</b>	<b>East Coast Railway</b>	<b>BG</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Kashmir Valley</b>	<b>Northern Railway</b>	<b>BG</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>NG VISTADOME Coaches</b>			
<b>Darjeeling Himalayan Railway</b>	<b>Northeast Frontier Railway</b>	<b>NG</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Kalka Shimla Railway</b>	<b>Northern Railway</b>	<b>NG</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Pathankot-Baijnath-Paprola</b>	<b>Northern Railway</b>	<b>NG</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Matheran Hill Railway</b>	<b>Central Railway</b>	<b>NG</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Bilimora-Waghai</b>	<b>Western Railway</b>	<b>NG</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>MG VISTADOME Coaches</b>			
<b>Nilgiri Mountain Railway</b>	<b>Southern Railway</b>	<b>MG</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Mhow- Patalpani-Kalakund</b>	<b>Western Railway</b>	<b>MG</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Sitapur-Mailani</b>	<b>North East Railway</b>	<b>MG</b>	<b>2</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>

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