

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 116
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2022**

VISTADOME COACHES

***116. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to extend Vistadome Coaches on the Visakhapatnam-Araku route to Jeypore town of Koraput district in Odisha 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, especially Odisha; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF
STARRED QUESTION NO. 116 BY SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA
TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.02.2022 REGARDING
VISTADOME COACHES**

(a) and (b) No, Sir. Vistadome coaches are attached to trains based on passenger demand, operational feasibility and availability of coaches. Presently, LHB Vistadome coaches have been attached to train no. 18551 (Visakhapatnam-Kirandul)/18552 (Kirandul-Visakhapatnam) Mail/Express train running on Visakhapatnam-Kirandul section of East Coast Railway to run from Visakhapatnam to Arakku only. Extension of these coaches upto Jeypore is having operational constraint at present.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Presently, 23 Vistadome coaches (Broad Gauge) have been provided on Indian Railways. Out of which, 4 vistadome coaches have been allotted to Odisha. The vistadome coaches are allotted as follows:

Railway	Section	No. of Vistadome coaches
Western Railway	Ahmedabad- Kewadiya	2
Central Railway	Mumbai- Madgaon, Mumbai-Pune, Dadar- Madgaon	5
East Coast Railway	Visakhapatnam-Arakku	4
South Western Railway	Yashwantpur-Karwar, Yashwantpur-Mangaluru	6
Northeast Frontier Railway	New Jalpaiguri-Alipurduar, Guwahati-New Halflong	5
Northern Railway	Kashmir Valley	1
Total		23
