GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 290 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022

ESCALATORS AND LIFTS AT KISHANGARH RAILWAY STATION

†*290. SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) whether two new escalators and lifts were approved for the Kishangarh Railway Station premises in Ajmer in the previous Railway Budgets of 2017-18/ 2018-19 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the amount sanctioned for the Kishangarh Railway Station has been transferred arbitrarily by Railway Officers to other railway stations on the basis of reduced passenger load and if so, the factual details thereof;

(c) whether the Government and the higher officials of the Railways propose to install the earlier sanctioned escalator soon, keeping in view the difficulties faced by women, divyangs, elderly and children in climbing and descending the stairs of Foot-Over Bridge located at the said railway station premises; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be constructed and if not, the reasons therefor?

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.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 290 BY SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.03.2022 REGARDING ESCALATORS AND LIFTS AT KISHANGARH RAILWAY STATION.

(a) and (b): Two (2) number of escalators and one lift were sanctioned for Kishangarh Railway station in budget year 2018-19. However, there was revision in the policy of provision of escalators at Railway stations issued on 06.03.2019, as per which minimum required footfall for provision of escalator at Railway Station is 25,000 per day. Since, footfall of Kishangarh railway station was less than 25,000 per day, therefore, it did not qualify for provision of escalators. Consequently, the escalators sanctioned for Kishangarh railway station were transferred to other qualified Railway station.

(c) and (d): As per policy, minimum required footfall for provision of escalators at Railway Station is 25,000 per day. Hence, Kishangarh railway station does not qualify for provision of escalators at this stage. However, one (1) lift is sanctioned for Kishangarh Railway station.

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