GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4396 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022

FARE AND FACILITIES OF SUBURBAN/NON-SUBURBAN AREAS

4396. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Delhi/NCR under Northern Railway is still under non-suburban division;
- (b) if so, the total suburban and non-suburban divisions under Indian Railways as on date;
- (c) the details of differences in fare and facilities of suburban and nonsuburban areas of Railways;
- (d) the rules in place to upgrade non-suburban stations to suburban and providing commuting benefits therein;
- (e) whether the Government is planning to introduce uniform suburban train services of Delhi/New Delhi/Anandvihar and Sarai Rohilla at par with Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. Delhi/NCR under Northern Railway is a non-suburban category.
- (b) As on date, the current list of areas already notified as sub-urban includes Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Secunderabad.
- (c) The details of important difference of fare over Suburban and Nonsuburban areas for second class and first class ordinary services are as under: (i) As per Indian Railway Conference Association (IRCA), for passenger fare there are separate base fare table for suburban and nonsuburban ordinary services. (ii) Minimum chargeable basic fare for second

class of ordinary suburban services is $\stackrel{?}{_{\sim}}$ 5 and for second class non-suburban ordinary services is $\stackrel{?}{_{\sim}}$ 10.

- (d) Ministry of Railway's consideration for notification as sub-urban routes is based on the pattern of traffic, availability of rail infrastructure and the notification issued by State Governments from time to time identifying areas as suburban in their master plan etc.
- (e) & (f) No, Sir. There is no such plan.
