### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5571 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022

#### **RESTORATION OF BEDROLL FACILITY**

#### † 5571. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the facility of bedroll has been stopped for passengers in West Central Railway zone, Jabalpur in view of Corona pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such facility has been restarted in other railway zones of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the passengers have raised the demand for restarting the facility of bedroll in view of a decrease in Corona cases;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government has taken any decision in this regard; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

#### ANSWER

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

(a) to (g) As a part of passenger amenities linen/blankets/curtains are provided in AC coaches of Indian Railways. However, in view of

Pandemic and Covid protocol on account of Covid-19, in May 2020, instructions were issued to all Zonal Railways that no linen/blankets/curtains shall be provided inside the train.

The issue of removal of aforesaid restrictions have been under consideration for some time and with the easing out of Covid -19 situation now, it has been decided to withdraw the restriction imposed on Railways for not providing Linen/ blankets/curtains. All Zonal Railways (including West Central Railway Zone) have been advised to take necessary action vide instructions dated 10.03.2022. Accordingly actions have been initiated by Zonal Railways to start linen/curtain at the earliest.

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