GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5633 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022

BIO-TOILETS FOR WOMEN

†5633. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a demand for construction of separate toilets for women at all the platforms of Thane railway station has been pending for many years due to technical impediments;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the time by which the said work is likely to be completed;
- (c) whether the Railways has given sanction for the construction of two bio-toilets at Thane railway station but the work has not been completed yet;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which the construction work of the bio-toilets so approved are likely to be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5633 BY SHRI RAJAN VICHARE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.04.2022 REGARDING BIO-TOILETS FOR WOMEN

(a) & (b): There is no pending demand for construction of separate toilets for women at all the platforms of Thane station. However, in the agenda given by the Hon'ble Member of Parliament for the MP meet held on 24.2.2022, issues like the people have to use open space in absence of toilets at required site and un-availability of toilets on platform no.5/6 (where the long distance trains halt) were raised.

At present, 11 toilets are available for ladies at Thane railway station i.e. 8 toilets at platform no. 2 and 3 toilets at platform no. 10A. In addition to, one each bio-toilet is also available for Divyangjan rail users at platform no. 5/6 & platform no. 7/8, which can also be used by women passengers. However, augmentation/upgradation of passenger amenities at railway stations is a continuous and ongoing process subject to availability of funds, volume of passenger traffic and inter-se priority of works.

(c): Two Bio Toilets, one each at Platform No.5/6 and Platform No. 7/8 of Thane Railway station have already been provided.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.

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