GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.8 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2022

STOPPAGE AT KISHANGANJ

8. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Railways is going to consider starting a new Jalpaiguri-Patna Shatabadi Express with stoppage at Kishanganj to reduce the travel time and distance between Jalpaiguri and Patna; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Presently, 10 pairs of train services are adequately catering to the need of New Jalpaiguri and Patna area. Besides, there is no immediate proposal for introduction of Shatabadi Express between New Jalpaiguri and Patna. However, introduction of trains is an on-going process on Indian Railways, which *inter alia* depends on operational feasibility, commercial viability, and resource availability.
