*60. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the two Tejas trains being operated by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has made any profit since 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government plans to run more private trains; and

(e) if so, the time by which and the number of such trains that are likely to be made operational?

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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 60 BY SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.07.2022 REGARDING TEJAS TRAINS

(a) to (c): The Financial Year wise Profit or Loss of IRCTC by running both the Tejas trains are as under:

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<th>Financial Year</th>
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<td>FY 2019- 20</td>
<td>2.33</td>
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<td>FY 2021- 22</td>
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In view of Covid 19 pandemic both these trains were not operational for a long period and even the frequency of the trains was reduced. Due to this, Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) earned less revenue in operation of these two Tejas Train services.

(d): At present, no proposal for operation of regular passenger trains, by private operators, is under consideration.

(e): Does not arise.

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