

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2849
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2022**

VISTADOME COACHES

**2849. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA :
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA :**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of special type of coaches, like the Vistadome Coaches, in operation in the country, along with the category and the routes in which these are operating;

(b) whether the Government is looking to expand such services in more routes and increase the frequency of operation in existing routes in the near future, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the manufacture and deployment of special coaches for the benefit of rail tourism and introduce global standards in train travel?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2849 BY SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA AND SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.08.2022 REGARDING VISTADOME COACHES

(a) Vistadome coaches for various gauges viz. Broad Gauge, Meter Gauge and Narrow Gauge are in operation over Indian Railways network. At present, 33 Vistadome coaches are attached in 23 pairs of trains as under:-

Sl.	Name of Zone	Train numbers and name
1.	Central Railway	11007/08 Mumbai-Pune Express 12051/52 Mumbai-Madgaon Express 12123/24 Deccan Queen Express 12125/26 Mumbai Pune Express 12025/26 Pune – Secunderabad Express
2.	East Coast Railway	08551/52 Vishakhapatnam – Kirandul Passenger 08546/45 Vishakhapatnam – Koraput Passenger
3.	Northeast Frontier Railway	15777/78 Alipurduar – New Jalpaiguri Express 15887/88 Guwahati-Badarpur Express 12088/87 Guwahati - Naharlagun Express 05888/87 Guwahati – Jorhat Express
4.	Western Railway	20947/50 Ahmedabad-Kevadiya Express 52965/66 Dr Ambedkar Nagar – Kalakund Train 52001/02 Bilimora – Waghai Passenger 12009/10 Mumbai – Gandhinagar Express 52003/04 Billimora-Waghai Passenger
5.	South Western Railway	16539/40 Yeswantpur-Mangalore Express 16515/16 Yeswantpur-Karwar Express 16575/76 Yeswantpur-Mangalore Express 16579/80 Yeswantpur-Shivamogga Express
6.	Northern Railway	52459/60 Kalka - Shimla Him Darshan 52453/54 Kalka - Shimla Mail 04647/48 Pathankot-Baijnath-Paprola

(b) and (c) Manufacture and Induction of more Vistadome coaches in train services is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, schedule of the train, traffic justification and availability of rolling stock. 12 LHB Vistadome coaches are under manufacture at Integral Coach Factory, Chennai. 30 Narrow Gauge Vistadome coaches for Kalka Shimla Railway are under manufacture at Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala. Conversion of 10 Narrow Gauge Coaches into Vistadome coaches is underway at Northeast Frontier Railway.