GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5162 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025

UTILIZATION OF SPECTRUM BY RAILWAYS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of spectrum available with the Railways at present;
- (b) the details of utilization of the spectrum available by the Railways for various purposes;
- (c) whether the Railways has provided the available spectrum to private players for commercial use;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of Railway Stations across the country on which Wi-Fi facility is being provided to the passengers by the Government?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) to (e): Indian Railway has been allocated following spectrum in frequency band:
 - i. 5MHz spectrum in 700 MHz frequency band for Mobile Train Radio
 Communication Systems for safety and security.
 - ii. 15 spot frequencies in 405-512 MHz frequency band for Kavach application and Distributed Power Wireless Control System (DPWCS) separately.

- iii. 9 MHz in Ku Band on GSAT-18 for VSAT applications.
- iv. 125 KHz in 370-430 MHz frequency band for Tetra communication in Train operations in Western Railway and Metro Railway, Kolkata and
- v. 0.5 MHz in 5868.5-5917.10 MHz (Uplink) and 2568.5-2587.10 MHz (Downlink) frequency band for Real Time Information System (RTIS).

The spectrum has been allocated for Captive use only and no Spectrum has been allocated by Indian Railways to any of the private players for commercial use.

Presently, Wi-Fi services have been provided at 6,115 Railway Stations over Indian Railways. Further, almost all the railway stations have 4G/5G coverage provided by the Telecom Service Providers. These networks are also being utilized by passengers for data connectivity resulting in enhanced passenger experience.
