

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 211
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023**

EXTENSION OF VISTA DOME TOURIST EXPRESS

***211. DR. RAJDEEP ROY:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Vistadome Tourist Express which has been started from Guwahati to Badarpur junction has been successful;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether there is great demand for extending the said route till Silchar;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether there is any possibility to extend the route from Badarpur to Silchar, if so, the time by which the project is likely to start?**

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 211 BY DR. RAJDEEP ROY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2023 REGARDING EXTENSION OF VISTA DOME TOURIST EXPRESS

(a) & (b) The overall average utilization of Train number 15887/15888 Guwahati - Badarpur Tourist Express for the period 13.11.2021 to 02.03.2023 is 70.52% and 86.22% respectively.

(c) to (e) Request for increasing the frequency/extension of vistadome service has been received from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament. The same has been examined. However, extension of 15888/87 Guwahati-Badarpur Express upto Silchar is not feasible, at present, due to operational constraints including inadequate lie-over of the train at Badarpur. Besides, the increase in frequency of 15888/87 Guwahati-Badarpur Express is also operationally not feasible. Nonetheless, extension/increase in frequency of train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways, which inter alia depends on operational feasibility, commercial viability, and resource availability.
