GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.608
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FULL-FLEDGED OPERATIONS OF RAILWAYS

608 SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR:
SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to start full-fledged train operations across the country, in view of the relaxation of various lockdown norms and massive vaccination drive undertaken for COVID-19;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c) To prevent the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, Indian Railways has discontinued all regular passengers carrying train w.e.f. 23rd March, 2020. Indian Railways, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Government from time to time, resumed passenger train operations w.e.f. 1st May, 2020 by operating Shramik special trains followed by operation of Rajdhani Special services w.e.f. 12th May, 2020 and other special trains w.e.f 1st June, 2020. The number of services have been increased in a phased manner and presently, Indian Railways is operating 1328 Mail/Express Special Trains, 206 Passenger trains and 5350 Suburban Trains. Additionally, 684 Festival Special are also being operated. Indian Railways is keeping a close watch on the prevailing situation and is increasing the number of trains in a phased manner.

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