

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 441
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2022

EXPENDITURE IN CHANGING NAMES OF STATIONS

441. SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of expenditure incurred by the Railways in changing the name of stations and trains since 2018;
- (b) the details of the expenditure incurred by the Railways in changing train numbers during the pandemic and then restoring it to their original form;
- (c) the details of the number of trains not restarted yet after the March 2020 lockdown, zone-wise;
- (d) whether the railway is planning to restore all the trains to pre-pandemic level; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, if not so, the reasons therefor?

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 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.441 BY SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 09.12.2022 REGARDING EXPENDITURE IN CHANGING NAMES OF STATIONS

(a) and (b) Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, is the competent authority to approve the change in the name of a Railway station on Indian Railways. It does so on the recommendation of the State Government concerned. Separate accountal of expenditure on change in names is not maintained.

(c) to (e) With a view to contain the spread of Covid-19 pandemic, Indian Railways had discontinued the operation of all regular passenger carrying trains with effect from 23rd March, 2020 and only special train services were being operated.

Indian Railways have also undertaken rationalization of time table, including rationalization of train services, in a scientific manner with the assistance of IIT-Bombay. The exercise has been undertaken, inter alia, to provide creating maintenance corridor blocks for better passenger safety, minimizing conflicts in existing time table to improve punctuality and generation of additional path for freight traffic.

Accordingly, since November 2021, Mail/Express train services are being operated as per rationalized timetable and regular numbers. The passenger services are being operationalised in a phased manner.
