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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 195
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2023

TRAINS TERMINATED POST COVID-19 OUTBREAK

*195 # SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the trains for which halts were terminated under the East Central Railway in the wake of post COVID scenario, the station-wise details thereof;

(b) whether the issue of resumption of halts for Tatanagar-Chhapra Jan Nayak Express, Maurya Express and Mithila Express at Karpurigram railway station, as prevalent before COVID- 19 outbreak, has been raised in public interest by the public representatives; and

(c) whether the trains are being halted purely from a commercial point of view by the Railways, while having accorded a lower priority to the public interest?

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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 195 BY SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 17.03.2023 REGARDING TRAINS TERMINATED POST COVID-19 OUTBREAK.

(a) to (c) Requests/representations including that from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament have been received for resumption of train services and restoration of stoppages of train services. Indian Railways, with the assistance of IIT-Bombay, have undertaken rationalization of time table, *inter alia* to provide for better passenger safety by creating maintenance corridor blocks, minimizing conflicts in existing time table, etc. The exercise also included rationalization of stoppages. Karpoori Gram station is presently being served by 01 pair of Mail/Express train service and 03 pairs of Passenger Special train services which are considered adequate for the present level of traffic. Further, stoppages of train services including resumption of stoppages is an ongoing process over Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility and commercial justification. Besides, provision and rationalization of stoppages is an ongoing process over Indian Railways.
