

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1087**  
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**RATIONALIZATION ACTIVITY IN RAILWAYS**

1087 SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken rationalization activity to revoke approx. 10,000 train stoppages in the country;
- (b) if so, on what basis and reason the rationalization activity has been done;
- (c) whether the rationalization activity has been done to increase profitability but without considering the socio-economic factors; and
- (d) whether the Ministry will consider the socio-economic factor in the future while the demand raises for the stoppages?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Indian Railways have undertaken rationalization of time table in a scientific manner with the assistance of IIT-Bombay. The exercise has been undertaken *inter alia* to provide for better passenger safety by creating maintenance corridor blocks, minimizing conflicts in existing time table, speeding up of trains. The exercise included rationalization of stoppages with low footfall and those with inconvenient timings. However, rationalization/provision of stoppage of train services is an ongoing process over Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification etc.

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