

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2665**  
**ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023**

**OPERATION OF TRAINS PRIOR TO 2014**

2665 SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) number of trains in operation prior to the year 2014, division wise list;
- (b) whether all trains operational prior to the year 2014 are still running; and
- (c) if not, the details of the trains whose operation has been stopped and the reasons therefor, division-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) During 2013-14, the average daily total number of Express and Passenger services operational on Indian Railways was 4877, while that during 2023-24 stood at 4916. Consequent upon the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic, Indian Railways, with a view to contain the spread of pandemic, discontinued the operation of all regular passenger carrying trains with effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020 and only special train services were being operated. Meanwhile, Indian Railways have undertaken rationalization of the 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 for better passenger safety by creating maintenance corridor blocks, minimizing conflicts in existing time table etc. Since November-2021, Mail/Express train services are being operated as per rationalized timetable and regular numbers.

\*\*\*\*\*