

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RESUMPTION OF STOPPAGE OF TRAINS AT KARPURIGRAM RAILWAY STATION

2679 # SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Express trains such as Tata-Chhapra Express, Maurya Express, Mithila Express, Howrah-Kathgodam Express had a halt at Karpurigram railway station of Sonpur Division before COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) whether it is a fact that Jaynagar-Danapur Inter City Express and Muzaffarpur-Bhagalpur Inter City Express trains which started operating after Covid, pass through Karpurigram railway station but do not halt at Karpurigram railway station;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government would resume halt of above mentioned trains at Karpurigram railway station in the interest of passengers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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(a) to (d) 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. 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. Further, 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. Further, provision of stoppages of train services including resumption of stoppages is an ongoing process over Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility and commercial justification.