

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 62
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2023

DISCONTINUATION OF HALTING OF TRAINS DURING POST-COVID PERIOD

*62 # SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of railway stations under East Central Railways where halting of certain trains was discontinued during post COVID period along with the number of such trains, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of trains which halted at Karpurigram Railway Station under East Central Railways during pre-COVID period;
- (c) the number of trains which are currently halting at Karpurigram Railway Station;
- (d) Government's policy in place to restore the halting of such trains at this station; and
- (e) the details of benefits and inconvenience caused to passengers due to discontinuation of halting of trains?

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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 62 BY SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 08.12.2023 REGARDING DISCONTINUATION OF HALTING OF TRAINS DURING POST-COVID PERIOD.

(a) 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. Since November-2021, Mail/Express train services are being operated as per rationalized timetable and regular numbers. Indian Railways, with the assistance of IIT-Bombay, have undertaken rationalization of time table, *inter alia* to provide 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 08 train services (02 Mail/Express and 06 Passenger Special services) which are considered adequate for the present level of traffic. 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.
