

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1335
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022**

PASSENGER TRAFFIC

1335. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the train routes falling in Andhra Pradesh that have been stopped since 2020 along with the reasons for the same;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to continue these routes in the light of increased passenger traffic in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) Indian Railways do not run train services on State-wise basis as Railway network straddle across State boundaries. Further, 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. Indian Railways have also undertaken rationalization of 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 to improve punctuality and generation of additional path for freight traffic. At present, all train services are being operated as per the rationalized time table and passenger services are being operated in a phased manner.
