

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1363
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022**

RESUMPTION OF TRAINS

† 1363. DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the passenger trains which were closed during the Covid-19 pandemic are being started again;**
- (b) if so, the present status thereof;**
- (c) if not, the details regarding the time by which these discontinued trains are likely to be started;**
- (d) the details of the number of passenger trains started again which were discontinued during the Covid-19 pandemic, zone-wise;**
- (e) the number of passenger trains which were discontinued during the Covid-19 pandemic and the number of trains out of them which have been restarted under South East Central Railway zone Bilaspur; and**
- (f) the time by which the remaining discontinued passenger trains are likely to be restarted?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1363 BY DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.12.2022 REGARDING RESUMPTION OF TRAINS

(a) to (f) 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 operationalized in a phased manner.

Zone-wise number of trains restored which were discontinued during the Covid-19 pandemic is as under:

Sl No.	Zonal Railway	Number of Mail/Express trains restored	Number of Passenger trains restored
1	Central Railway	244	104
2	East Coast Railway	168	50
3	East Central Railway	160	244
4	Eastern Railway	230	259
5	Konkan Railway	10	6
6	North Central Railway	84	70
7	North Eastern Railway	152	172
8	Northeast Frontier Railway	162	116
9	Northern Railway	342	527
10	North Western Railway	194	94
11	South Central Railway	262	183
12	South East Central Railway	56	107
13	South Eastern Railway	202	141
14	Southern Railway	326	301
15	South Western Railway	196	117
16	West Central Railway	98	44
17	Western Railway	346	227
	TOTAL -	3232	2760

The train services over South East Central Railway were started in phased manner and as on 08.12.2022, all the 56 Mail/Express trains and 107 Passenger trains of the 119 passenger trains are in operation.