

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 95
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023**

RESUMPTION OF DELHI-AMBALA PASSENGER TRAIN

†* 95. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to resume the operation of train number 64561 (Delhi - Ambala Passenger) which was suspended during the Corona period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to resume the regular operation of the train in the Parliamentary constituency of Kurukshetra which were suspended during the Corona period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 95 BY SHRI NAYAB SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.02.2023 REGARDING RESUMPTION OF DELHI-AMBALA PASSENGER TRAIN

(a) and (b) Indian Railways, to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, had discontinued all regular passengers carrying trains, including Mail/Express trains, w.e.f 23.03.2020 and only special trains were being operated. Indian Railways have also 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, generation of additional path for freight traffic and to speed up train services. Accordingly, 64561/62 Delhi-Ambala Passenger (via Meerut City-Saharanpur) is now being operated between Delhi and Saharanpur as 20411/12 Delhi-Saharanpur Express (via Meerut City). Since, November-2021, train services are being operated with rationalized time table and presently 09 pairs of Mail/Express are serving Delhi-Meerut City-Saharanpur-Ambala section.

(c) and (d) Indian Railways do not operate train services on Parliamentary Constituency-wise/State-wise basis as Railway network straddles across Parliamentary Constituency/State boundaries. However, Delhi-Panipat-Kurukshetra-Ambala sector is, presently, being served by 50 pairs of Mail/Express service.
