

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1104
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023**

RE-OPERATION OF TRAINS

† 1104. SHRI ARUN KUMAR SAGAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had received requests from public representatives in April, 2022 for providing stoppage at Miranpur Katra and Tilhar railway stations under Shahjahanpur Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh and restart those trains which were plying there before the corona pandemic;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said requests have been acquiesced to;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) Indian Railways, to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, had discontinued all regular passengers carrying trains w.e.f 23.03.2020 and only special trains with limited stoppages were being operated. Indian Railways have also undertaken rationalization of the time table, including rationalization of train services and stoppages, 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 speed up train services. Accordingly, few train

services including 54251/52 Lucknow-Saharanpur Passenger, 54377/78 Bareilly-Prayagraj Sangam Passenger and 13049/50 Howrah-Amritsar Express has been discontinued, services of 54075/76 Delhi-Sitapur City Passenger has been curtailed between Moradabad and Sitapur City and is presently operating as 04303/04 Delhi-Moradabad-Bareilly Passengers special while stoppage of 14235/36 Bareilly-Varanasi Express, at Miranpur Katra, has been discontinued. Representations, including that from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, have been received for stoppage of trains at Miranpur Katra/Tilhar and to restore these train services. These have been examined, but not found operationally feasible, at present.
