

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2395
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023**

RESUMPTION OF STOPPAGES OF TRAINS

† 2395. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that when the operations of trains were resumed after the Corona period, the stoppages of several trains at many stations in Nagaur, Jodhpur, Barmer, Pali, Bikaner and Ajmer districts were not given where these trains had stoppages before Corona;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to resume the stoppages of the said trains on regular or experimental basis in public interest;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any proposal or letter has been sent to the Railway Board by Jodhpur Division or North Western Railway Headquarters for approval of stoppage of trains and if so, the details of action taken by railway board on such proposals sent from January 1, 2022 to February 20, 2023?

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, and speed up train services. Since, November-2021, train services are being operated with rationalised time table. As such, the operation of train services with pre-covid stoppages is not operationally expedient.

Further, Indian Railways do not operate train services and provide stoppages on District-wise basis as Railway network straddles across District boundaries. However, to cater to the needs of passengers of stations located under the jurisdiction of North Western Railway, 64 stoppages have been provided during the period 01st January, 2022 to 20th February, 2023. Besides, provision of stoppage of trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability etc.
