

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5310
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023**

RESUMPTION OF TRAINS

†5310. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the operation of Ferozepur - Mumbai Janta Express 19023-19024, Anand-Dahod MEMU train 69189 and Dahod-Vadodara MEMU train 69118 which were suspended during the Corona period has not resumed operation, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to resume the operation of the said trains in the interest of the citizens of Dahod, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal regarding resumption of the said trains; and**
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government on the said proposals?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Indian Railways, to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, had discontinued all regular passenger carrying trains, including Mail/Express trains, w.e.f 23.03.2020 and only special trains with limited stoppages were being operated. Since, November-2021, train services are being operated with

rationalised Time Table and all Mail/Express trains are being operated with regular numbers, subject to operational feasibility. Further, Indian Railways have 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, and speeding up of train services. Operation of train no. 19023/19024 Mumbai Central – Firozpur Janata Express have been discontinued but operation of train nos. 69190 Dahod-Anand MEMU and 69117 Vadodara-Dahod MEMU, 69189 Anand-Godhra and 69118 Godhra – Vadodara have been restored. Service of train nos. 69189 Anand-Godhra MEMU and 69118 Godhra-Vadodara MEMU have been partially cancelled between Godhra and Dahod for facilitating Integrated Maintenance Corridor Block. Representations including from Hon’ble Members of Parliament, for restoration of regular train services and provision of stoppage in the special trains, presently being operated, have been received. However, resumption / restoration of train services is an ongoing process in Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, etc.
