

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5445
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023**

REVERSION OF TRAIN SCHEDULE

5445. SHRI P.V.MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways has completely reverted the train schedule and stoppage protocol at stations of all passenger trains in the country back to the regular routine that was in-effect before the COVID-19 lockdown of March 2020;

(b) if not, the details of the passenger trains wherein reversion is incomplete especially in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government has received any representations bringing notice of the fact that certain regular trains still fail to halt at particular stations as per pre-COVID-19 schedule, if so, the facts in this regard; and

(d) the timeline by which pre-pandemic train schedule would return with regard to Koduru, Nandalur and Rajampeta stations?

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 passengers carrying trains, including Mail/Express trains, w.e.f 23.03.2020 and only special trains

with limited stoppages were being operated. 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. Since, November-2021, train services are being operated with rationalised Time Table. 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, a compendium of which is not maintained. The passenger services are being operationalised in a phased manner. Indian Railways is keeping a close watch on the situation and regulating operations of trains accordingly.

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