

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3271
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023**

WORLD CLASS RAILWAY STATIONS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the place of the Indian Railways network in the world;**
- (b) the number of world-class railway stations being built in the country;**
- (c) the purpose of discontinuing stoppages after Covid at those railway stations where passenger trains already had stoppages before Covid period;**
- (d) whether the already earmarked stoppages were not technically suitable, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the time by which the stoppages of old trains at Majhgawan, Jaitwar, Unchehara, Maihar, Amdara, Jhukehi railway stations are likely to be restarted in Satna Parliamentary Constituency?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
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- (a): As per the Railway Statistics synopsis published in 2022 by International Union of Railways (UIC), Indian Railways network is 4th largest in the world on the basis of network length.**
- (b): Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' for development of Stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term approach. So far 1309 stations have been identified for development over Indian Railways across the country.**

(c) to (e): Indian Railways have undertaken rationalization of the time table, including rationalization of 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. Accordingly, Majhgawan station is being served by 06 pairs, Jaitwar by 07 pairs, Unchhera by 08 pairs, Maihar by 41 pairs, Amdara by 08 pairs and Jukehi by 05 pairs of train services, at present. However, provision of stoppage of trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification etc.
