

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3276
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023**

STOPPAGES AT NOWROZABAD STATION

†3276. SHRIMATI HIMADRI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the trains under South East Central Railway (SECR) zone the operations of which were suspended during COVID-19 and those trains which re-started its operations;

(b) the names of the trains which had a stoppage at Nowrozabad prior to COVID-19 under the above railway zone;

(c) whether all those trains have same stoppages at Nowrozabad station at present;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the names of the trains running under the above railway zone the operation of which has not been restarted till date so far?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) With a view to contain the spread of Covid-19 pandemic, Indian Railways had discontinued the operation of all regular passenger carrying trains with effect from 23rd

March, 2020 and only special train services were being operated. Since November-2021, Mail/Express train services are being operated as per rationalized time table and regular numbers. Further, Indian Railways have undertaken rationalization of the time table, including rationalisation of train services, in a scientific manner with the assistance of IIT-Bombay *inter-alia* to provide better passenger safety by creating maintenance corridor blocks, minimise conflicts in existing time-table and speed up train services. Accordingly, train services are being operated with rationalized time table in a phased manner. Further, Nowrozabad station is presently being served by 04 pairs of train services namely as under;

(i) 18233/34 Indore-Bilaspur Express,

(ii) 06617/18 Katni-Chirmiri MEMU Passenger Special,

(iii) 08747/48 Bilaspur-Katni MEMU Passenger Special, and

(iv) 08269/70 Chirmiri-Chandia Road Passenger Special

Besides, introduction of train services, including passenger services, is an ongoing process, on Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification and availability of resources etc.
