

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3423
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023**

OPERATION OF SUSPENDED SHUTTLE TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the operation of many trains have been stopped and mode of their operation was changed in Madhya Pradesh during Covid period;**
- (b) if so, the details of such trains in respect of which operation has not been started yet;**
- (c) the new policy of the Government to restart the operation of such trains or to introduce new trains in its place;**
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding loss of revenue caused due to suspension of these trains and difficulties being faced by the passengers;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof;**
- (f) whether the Government proposes to restart the operation of suspended shuttle trains; and**
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be started?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (g) 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 train 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. 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.
