

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1829
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023**

REINSTATING OF TRAIN SERVICES OF NF RAILWAYS

1829. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number and details of train services withdrawn by NF Railways in the last four years;**
- (b) the number of new trains that have been introduced in the zone during the same period;**
- (c) whether the Government feels that withdrawing of lesser known trains connecting lesser known points has helped the poor people for whom railway means lifeline as it provides cheaper transit;**
- (d) if so, whether the Government plans to reinstate the services of the trains; and**
- (e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?**

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 train numbers. Further, Indian Railways have undertaken rationalization of time table, in a scientific manner with the assistance of IIT-Bombay *inter-alia* to provide better passenger safety by creating maintenance corridor blocks, minimize conflicts in existing time-table. During the last four years i.e. from 2019-2020 to 2022-2023, 16 pairs of train services have been introduced on Northeast Frontier Railway(NFR).Further introduction of train is an ongoing process over Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, resource availability etc.
