

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 518  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.09.2020**

**TRAINS FROM THAWE GOPALGANJ STATION**

**518. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether it is a fact that despite commercial feasibility, large number of passengers of district Gopalganj of Bihar are facing non-availability of super fast train from Thawe Gopalganj junction which is causing loss to the Railways;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether Railways has received requests from many quarters to extend the Gorakhdham Express and Hamsafar Express from Gorakhpur via Thawe Gopalganj junction to Chhapra junction;**

**(d) if so, the details thereon and measures taken on the requests received in this regard;**

**(e) the total number of trains connecting Thawe Gopalganj junction from various corners of the country and the details of number of trains that have stoppages or proposed to run from Thawe Gopalganj junction to various metropolitan cities; and**

**(f) whether it is a fact that no progress has been made so far in the much awaited diversion of Bihar S. Kranti Exp., Awadh Assam Exp. AC Exp. and other similar trains from Thawe Gopalganj junction to various metropolitan cities and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) to (e): During the Financial year 2019-20, the daily average number of passengers (both inward and outward) handled at**

**Gopalganj and Thawe were approximately 525 and 4153 respectively.**

**Prior to discontinuation of services to prevent spread of COVID-19 pandemic, Thawe was being served by 01 pair of Mail/Express and 10 pairs of Passenger services. Similarly, Gopalganj was being served by 01 pair of Mail/Express and 02 pairs of Passenger services. These services provide connectivity to the passengers of Thawe/Gopalganj inter alia for destinations like Siwan, Patliputra, Gorakhpur, Lucknow, etc. Further, passengers of Thawe/Gopalganj may also avail changeover at Siwan (28 kilometre from Thawe). However, at present, no proposal for stoppage of additional trains at Thawe/Gopalganj and/or introduction of additional trains from Thawe/Gopalganj is under consideration.**

**For extension of 12571/72 Anand Vihar (T)-Gorakhpur Humsafar Express and 12555/56 Hisar-Gorakhpur Gorakhdham Express upto Chhapra, demands, including that from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, have been received. These demands have been examined, but have not been found operationally feasible, at present.**

**(f): Owing to operational constraints, at present, there is no proposal for diversion of 12565/66 Darbhanga-New Delhi Bihar Sampark Kranti Express, 15909/10 Dibrugarh-Lalgarh Avadh-Assam Express, 22411/12 Naharlagun-Anand Vihar(T) AC Express and/or any other Mail/Express train via Thawe/Gopalganj. However, with a view to provide additional service to the passengers of Thawe/Gopalganj, Ministry of Railways has approved diversion of 55007/08 Gorakhpur-Patliputra Passenger via Thawe-Gopalganj.**