GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1574 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2021

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

1574. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as part of changes in the time table, the Railways has any plans to change the schedule of services of the following trains:-
- I. 16381/16382 Mumbai CST Kanyakumari Express
- II. 12507/12508 -Thiruvananthapuram-Silchar Express
- III. 12515/12516 -Thiruvananthapuram-Silchar Express
- IV. 22659/22660 Kochuveli-Dehradun Express
- V. 12483/12484 Kochuveli-Amritsar Jn Express;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for such changes;
- (c) whether the existing schedule is likely to be retained considering the difficulties to passengers, especially from Kerala, on account of the proposed changes; and
- (d) if so, the details of directions issued in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d) Indian Railways has discontinued all regular passenger carrying trains w.e.f 23.03.2020 to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and presently only special trains are being operated keeping in view the concerns and suggestions of State Governments.

As a part of time table rationalization exercise and speeding up of trains, it has been decided to change the timings of 16381/16382 Mumbai- Kanniyakumari Express, 12507/12508 Thiruvananthapuram-Silchar Aronai Express, 12515/12516 Thiruvananthapuram-Silchar Express, 22659/22660 Kochuveli – Dehradun Express and 12483/12484 Kochuveli-Amritsar Express. It is operationally not expedient to reverse the change in timings.
