

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3534
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021**

REMOVAL OF STOPPAGES ON RESUMPTION OF TRAINS

**†3534. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of various categories of trains including passenger trains, express, mail trains, super fast trains, MEMU trains were running before lockdown in the country and the zone-wise and Division-wise, details thereof;**
- (b) the zone-wise and division-wise details of the number of special trains that are being run at present post lockdown;**
- (c) whether unreserved general boggies are being attached to these trains;**
- (d) if so, the time by which the rest of the trains are likely to be operated like before;**
- (e) whether the stoppages of these trains at several stations have been discontinued after reintroduction of trains; and**
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor along with the division-wise details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3534 BY SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH AND SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.03.2021 REGARDING REMOVAL OF STOPPAGES ON RESUMPTION OF TRAINS

(a) & (b) Trains on Indian Railways are operated on Zonal Railways' ownership basis. The zone-wise details of average daily number of trains operated during pre-COVID period and that being operated presently is tabulated below:

	Pre-COVID			At present		
	Average Mail/ Express trains per day	Average Passenger trains per day	Total	Average Mail/ Express trains per day	Average Passenger trains per day	Total
Central Railway	143	145	288	98	5	103
East Coast Railway	66	95	161	44		44
East Central Railway	111	313	424	91	115	206
Eastern Railway	106	271	379	114	155	269
Konkan Railway	9	13	22	7	0	7
North Central Railway	44	144	188	39	14	53
North Eastern Railway	85	225	310	67	38	105
North east Frontier Railway	74	159	233	60	24	84
Northern Railway	313	626	939	198	48	246
North Western Railway	86	165	251	77	24	101
South Central Railway	129	292	421	88	0	88
South East Central Railway	30	141	171	17	25	42
South Eastern Railway	87	164	251	52	50	102
Southern Railway	203	342	545	169	2	171
South Western Railway	97	192	289	77	44	121
West Central Railway	51	63	114	42	0	42
Western Railway	134	284	418	97	58	155
TOTAL	1768	3634	5404	1337	602	1939

(c) The Special trains presently being operated do have unreserved coaches in their composition. However, in view of pandemic situation, unreserved second class in long distance Mail/Express trains, has been declared as reserved second class.

(d) to (f) To prevent the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, Indian Railways discontinued all regular passenger carrying trains w.e.f. 23rd March, 2020 and presently only special trains, with limited stoppages, keeping in view the suggestions and concerns of the State Governments are being operated. The numbers of services are being increased in a phased manner and as on 12th March, 2021, Indian Railways has started operation of a total of 8474 train services which includes 2328 Mail/Express trains and 784 Passenger trains. Besides, Indian Railways is keeping a close watch on the situation by regularly monitoring the waiting list, undertaking temporary augmentation, operating clone train (wherever required) and is resuming train services in a phased manner keeping in view the health protocols and feedback from states.
