GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 388 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021

RESUMPTION OF TRAINS

†388. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to resume the operation of train No.12467/12468 Leelan Express on its old route i.e. from Jaisalmer to Jaipur via Bikaner-Nagaur-Kuchaman as operated earlier;
- (b) if so, by when is the service likely to be resumed and if not, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government and Railway Board are considering to resume the Leelan Express, named after the famous mare of folk deity Tejaji Maharaj, who is said to be incarnated in Nagaur district, expediously on its old route, in respect of petitions received from the Members of Parliament, Members of State Legislature and common people in this regard; and
- (d) if so, by when is a decision likely to be taken in this regard, if not, the time by which the train is likely to be operated on this route?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d) 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, keeping in view the concerns and suggestions of State Governments are being operated. Indian Railways is keeping a close watch on the prevailing situation and is in all readiness to resume regular train operations. It has been decided to continue to operate 12467/68 (Jaisalmer-Jaipur Leelan Express) via Kuchaman City-Merta Road-Nagaur-Bikaner.
