

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4803
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2021**

RESUMPTION OF TRAIN OPERATIONS

**†4803. SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH :
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of various categories of passenger trains, express trains, mail, superfast and MEMU train services which were running in the country before lock down, zone and division-wise;**
- (b) the number of special trains that started running again after lockdown;**
- (c) whether these trains contain unreserved general class coaches;**
- (d) if so, the time by when the remaining trains are likely to resume their operations as before the lockdown period;**
- (e) whether stoppages at several railway stations have been removed during the resumption of the operation of the trains, if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and**
- (f) the details of the railway stations/trains on which the stoppages have been removed after resumption of the operation of trains, division-wise?**

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. 4803 BY SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY, SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH AND SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.03.2021 REGARDING RESUMPTION OF TRAIN OPERATIONS

(a) and (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 Passengers Trains per day	Total	Average Mail/Express Trains per day	Average Passengers Trains per day	Total
Central Railway	143	145	288	99	5	104
East Coast Railway	66	95	161	44	0	44
East Central Railway	111	313	424	90	123	213
Eastern Railway	106	271	379	116	189	305
Konkan Railway	9	13	22	7	0	7
North Central Railway	44	144	188	39	15	54
North Eastern Railway	85	225	310	67	44	111
Northeast Frontier Railway	74	159	233	59	24	83
Northern Railway	313	626	939	197	49	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	18	25	43
South Eastern Railway	87	164	251	52	53	105
Southern Railway	203	342	545	168	9	177
South Western Railway	97	192	289	79	45	124
West Central Railway	51	63	114	43	0	43
Western Railway	134	284	418	97	58	155
TOTAL -	1768	3634	5404	1340	663	2003

(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 19th March, 2021, Indian Railways has started operation of a total of 8634 train services which includes 2402 Mail/Express trains and 851 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 the States.
