GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1692 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2021

RESTARTING TRAINS POST COVID

1692. SHRI BHARATSINHJI SHANKARJI DABHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal has been received by the Ministry from Western Railways to restart the trains that were stopped due to the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown last year;
- (b) if so, the status of such proposals as on date; and
- (c) the time by when, the train services are likely to be normalised?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Western Railway has already got approval of all the proposals submitted to Railway Board to restart the services as per present requirement.
- (c) Trains which were being operated as Mail/Express Special/Holiday Special (MSPC/HSP) due to COVID pandemic and were included in the working time table, 2021, are now being operated with regular numbers and with fares and categorisation as applicable.
