

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2972
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2021**

WITHDRAWAL OF STOPPAGES IN KARNATAKA

2972. SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:

DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has withdrawn the stoppages of many trains at various stations in Karnataka in view of COVID-19,;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, station-wise and District-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has taken any decision to restore the stoppages at such stations and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details of the number of trains which were restored in Karnataka after the receiving requests from Members of Parliament?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b) To prevent the spread of Covid-19 pandemic, Indian Railways discontinued all regular passenger carrying trains w.e.f. 23rd March, 2020 and only special trains with limited stoppages keeping in view the suggestions and concerns of State Governments and health advisories issued, were being operated.

(c) Indian Railways have decided to operate regular train services with rationalized time table.

(d) Indian Railways do not operate trains on State-wise basis as Railways network straddle across State boundaries. However, 87 Mail/Express train services and 86 passenger train services over South Western Railway, which primarily serve the State of Karnataka, have been operationalised.