

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 600
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2021**

ZERO BASED TIME TABLE

**600. SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:
SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has embarked on the zero-based time tabling initiative;**
- (b) the salient features of such initiative;**
- (c) the details of trains including New Delhi -Ahmedabad Swarna Jayanti Rajdhani Express and other trains passing, originating and terminating through Gujarat that have benefitted from the zero-based time tabling initiative; and**
- (d) the details of number of hours saved due to the implementation of zero-based time tabling initiative train-wise?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 600 BY SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD AND SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 01.12.2021 REGARDING ZERO BASED TIME TABLE

(a) and (b) During the Covid-19 Pandemic, Indian Railways (IR) discontinued operation of regular passenger carrying train services w.e.f. 23rd March, 2020. Rationalisation of time table is an on-going exercise and similar exercise has been undertaken during the year 2020, when limited number of services were operated with limited stoppages in view of the pandemic situation. Salient features of the exercise included-

- i. Charting of LHB trains at 130 kmph or Maximum permissible speed (MPS) on Delhi-Mumbai & Delhi-Howrah sector.**
- ii. Creation of corridor blocks.**
- iii. Rationalisation of Engineering Traffic Allowance(ETA) and Travelling Allowance(TA).**
- iv. Rationalisation of slip coaches/link trains involving shunting.**
- v. Creation of additional path for freight and passenger services by rationalization of stoppages.**
- vi. Speeding up of trains.**

(c) Indian Railways do not operate and introduce train services on State wise basis as Railway network cut across State boundaries. However, State of Gujarat is primarily served by Western Railways (WR). The details of total number of train services operating over WR with time saved during rationalization of time table exercise are as under:

S. No.	Time saved	Total number of train services (in single)
1	upto 3 hours	265
2	More than 3 hours and upto 6 hours	24
3	More than 6 hours	03

(d) Details regarding total number of hours saved of train services are indicated below:

S. No.	Time saved	Total number of train services (in single)
1	upto 3 hours	3243
2	More than 3 hours and upto 6 hours	132
3	More than 6 hours	12
