

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1201
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2022**

HIKE IN FARE

†1201. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the operation of certain superfast and express trains has been suspended due to Covid-19 and if so, the details thereof under the North Western Railway;**
- (b) whether the passenger fare and operation fee have been hiked in the wake of Covid-19 and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to normalize the hiked fare and resume the operations of such trains which have been suspended due to Covid-19 or some other reasons; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) With a view to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, Indian Railways has discontinued all regular passenger carrying trains w.e.f. 23rd March, 2020 and only special trains with limited stoppages were being operated. Out of 392 Mail/Express services handled by North Western Railway, only 20 Mail/Express are not in operation, at present.**
- (b) Passenger fare is charged as per categorisation of train service.**
- (c) and (d) Trains which were being operated as Mail Express Specials (MSPC) and Holiday Specials (HSP) and were included in the Working Time Table, 2021, are being operated, from November 2021, with regular numbers and with fares and categorisation as applicable.**
