GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 219 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2022

SEASON TICKET SYSTEM

219. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several trains and stoppages which were suspended in Karnataka and Maharashtra pre COVID-19 have been restored;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of trains and stoppages in Southern and Northern parts of Karnataka and in Solapur district of Maharashtra that have not yet been resumed;
- (c) whether the Government has noticed that the season ticketing system, which was discontinued as part of the Covid -19 regulations, is not fully operational in Southern and Northern Karnataka, especially in the Mysore, Shimogga, Kolar and Gulbarga districts and in Solapur district of Maharashtra; and
- (d) if so, the action proposed to be taken to re-establish the season ticketing system, suspended trains and stoppages in Karnataka and Maharashtra?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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(a) to (d) Indian Railways had discontinued all regular passenger carrying trains w.e.f 23.03.2020 to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and train services are being operated in a phased manner. Further, Indian Railways do not run train services on state-wise basis as railway network straddles across state boundaries.

At present, over South Western Railway, Season tickets are permitted in all ordinary and Mail/Express trains having unreserved coaches. Season tickets are also permitted in unreserved coaches from Mangaluru junction and Mangaluru Central stations under Southern Railway Jurisdictions. Further, issue of season tickets over different sections of Indian Railways is an ongoing and continuous process based on the availability of unreserved accommodation, Covid protocol of the state Governments etc.
