

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2309
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022**

STOPPAGE OF DADAR EXPRESS

† 2309. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the stoppage of Dadar Express (11057) from Chhtrapati Shivaji terminus to Amritsar has suddenly been stopped at Gharaunda station;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to re-operate Himalayan Queen Express (Delhi-Chandigarh, 14095) (Chandigarh-Delhi, 14096) that was stopped due to Corona;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the status of works completed on Karnal-Yamunanagar of New Delhi-Ambala rail line?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) and (b) The average number of passengers and earnings for 11057 Chhtrapati Shivaji Terminus-Amritsar Express at Gharaunda station is**

less than the norms prescribed in the extant policy guidelines relating to provision of stoppages.

(c) and (d) To contain the spread of Covid-19 pandemic Indian Railways had discontinued all regular passenger carrying trains including 14095/96 Kalka-Delhi Sarai Rohilla Himalayan Queen Express. However, train services are being gradually restored.

(e)The Survey of Karnal-Yamuna Nagar via Asandh (103 km) new line has been carried out in 2015-16. As per survey report, the project was found financially unviable, as such it could not be taken forward. Thereafter, this project was taken up for development by Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (HRIDC), a Joint Venture company of Government of Haryana (51%) and Ministry of Railways (49%). Detailed Project Report (DPR) was submitted for seeking In Principle Approval (IPA) for pre-investment activity from Railways. IPA was not granted as project was not operationally justified and was financially unviable.
