

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2439
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022**

STOPPAGE OF TRAINS

2439. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the factors that determine the stoppage of trains at a particular railway station;**
- (b) the details of New Delhi and Howrah bound trains which have stoppages at Patshala railway station in Assam;**
- (c) whether the Government is considering to introduce stoppage of more trains at Patshala railway station and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the number of Vande Bharat trains that are likely to be introduced in Assam along with the proposed locations of origin and destination of these trains?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) Provision of stoppage of a train at a particular railway station depends *inter alia* on factors like operational feasibility, commercial viability, availability of alternative services, passing time of the train at the station, population & significance of towns/cities & new developments taking place.**
- (b) At present, Pathshala is being served by 12 pairs of train services including 15959/15960 Howrah-Dibrugarh Kamrup Express (5 days a week) and 15961/15962 Howrah-Dibrugarh Kamrup Express (Bi- weekly) catering to the needs of Pathshala-Howrah sector.**

(c) At present, there is no such proposal.

(d) Indian Railways do not operate train services on state-wise basis as railway network straddles across State boundaries. However, subject to operational feasibility, availability of rolling stock and track and commercial justification, etc., introduction of train services, including Vande Bharat Express, is an ongoing process.
