

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4531
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022**

CRITERIA FOR STOPPAGE OF TRAINS

4531. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any criteria to decide stoppage of trains at a particular railway station;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of all the trains having stoppage at Laxmipur Road, Jimidipeta, Bissamcuttack and Therubali railway stations in Koraput and Rayagada districts of Odisha;**
- (d) whether the Government intends to increase stoppage of trains at the said railway stations given the inconvenience to general public in these tribal dominated areas due to discontinuation of train stoppages post COVID-19; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Provision of stoppage of a train at a station is dependent on factors like operational feasibility, traffic pattern and commercial justification. Factors like population and significance of the town/city, nature of train, availability of alternate service, etc. are also taken into account while considering provision of new stoppages.

(c) to (e) At present, Jimidipeta, Bissamcuttack, Therubali and Rayagada stations are being served by 3 pairs, 3 pairs, 2 pairs and 23 pairs of train services, respectively. Further, 2 pairs of train services have scheduled stoppage at Laxmipur Road, which are not in operation, at present. Besides, provision of stoppages is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability etc.
