

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1809
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022**

RESTORATION OF STOPPAGES OF TRAINS

†1809. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

SHRI SHA.BRA.DR.JAI SIDDESHWAR SHIVACHARYA MAHASWAMIJI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has restored all the train stoppages as per the pre pandemic time period;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether any such requests have been received from Karnataka and Maharashtra;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to restore the stoppages;**
- (e) whether the train fares have been increased after the Corona period; and**
- (f) if so, the time by which the fares are likely to be brought at the previous level?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Indian Railways have undertaken rationalization of time table in a scientific manner with the assistance of IIT-Bombay. The exercise has been undertaken *inter alia* to provide for better passenger safety

by creating maintenance corridor blocks, minimizing conflicts in existing time table etc. The exercise *inter alia* included rationalization of stoppages. Accordingly, since November-2021, Mail/Express services are being operated with rationalized time table. Requests including from Hon'ble Members of Parliament have been received for providing stoppages as per pre-Covid-19 time table. Stoppages have been provided wherever these were found operationally and commercially feasible. Provision of additional stoppages is an on-going process and these are considered based on operational and commercial feasibility.

(e) and (f) There has been no fare revision during Covid-19 period.