

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2868
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2022**

EXPRESS TRAIN BETWEEN BHAGALPUR AND HOWRAH

†2868. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has a proposal to start an express train between Bhagalpur and Howrah;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the proposal of routing the train number 20501/20502, Anand Vihar-Agartala Rajdhani Express through Bhagalpur is under consideration of the Government;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to start; and**
- (e) the total number of trains that were being operated from Bhagalpur Junction before Covid-19 and those operating at present?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. At present, there is no such proposal.

(c) & (d) At present, stoppage of 20501/20502 Agartala-Anand Vihar (T) Tejas Rajdhani Express is not available at Bhagalpur. However, provision of stoppage and diversion of trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility and commercial justification.

(e) Prior to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, Bhagalpur station was being served by 29 pairs of Mail/Express train services and 14 pairs of Passenger train services. Bhagalpur station is presently being served by 29 pairs of Mail/Express train services and 13 pairs of Passenger special train services.