

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2903
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2022**

FEASIBILITY OF TRAIN STOPPAGES AT THAWE JUNCTION

2903. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the extension of 12595/96 Anand Vihar (T) -Gorakhpur Humsafar Express upto Chhapra (via Thawe) and the diversion of 22411/12 Naharlagun-Anand Vihar (T) Arunachal Express and Rajdhani Express trains via Thawe have been examined but was not found feasible for implementation due to operational constraints including insufficient layover at Gorakhpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether extensions of 15053/54 Lucknow-Chhapra Express, 15083/84 Farrukhabad-Chhapra Utsarg Express, 19045/46 Surat-Chhapra Tapti Ganga Express, 19409/10 Ahmedabad-Gorakhpur Express, 22435/36 Delhi-Varanasi Vande Bharat Express and 22439/40 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Delhi Vande Bharat Express upto Thawe are not feasible, at present, due to operational constraints including line capacity constraints on sections enroute and terminal constraints at Thawe;

(d) if so, the steps taken to remove the constraints along with the total number of trains/superfast trains passing through Thawe junction; and

(e) the measures taken to provide trains at Thawe junction and also divert train services for this junction to connect to metropolitan cities of the country?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2903 BY DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.08.2022 REGARDING FEASIBILITY OF TRAIN STOPPAGES AT THAWE JUNCTION

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Extension of 12595/96 Anand Vihar (T)-Gorakhpur Humsafar Express upto Chhapra (via Thawe) is not feasible, at present, due to operational constraints including insufficient lie-over at Gorakhpur, where the train undergoes Primary Maintenance. Similarly, diversion of 22411/12 Naharlagun-Anand Vihar (T) Arunachal Express and Rajdhani Express trains via Thawe has been examined but not found feasible for implementation, at present.

(c) to (e) At present, Thawe is being served by 03 pairs of Mail/Express and 07 pairs of Passenger Special Services. These services provide connectivity to the passengers of Thawe inter alia for destinations like Barabanki, Gonda, Siwan, Patliputra, Gomti Nagar (Lucknow), Gorakhpur etc. Further, passengers of Thawe may also avail changeover at Siwan (28 km from Thawe). Presently, it is operationally not feasible to extend 15053/54 Lucknow-Chhapra Express, 15083/84 Farrukhabad-Chhapra Utsarg Express, 19045/46 Surat-Chhapra Tapti Ganga Express, 19409/10 Ahmedabad-Gorakhpur Express, 22435/36 New Delhi-Varanasi Vande Bharat Express and 22439/40 Shri Mata Vaisho Devi Katra-New Delhi Vande Bharat Express upto Thawe due to constraints like insufficient lie-over, line capacity constraints on sections enroute and terminal constraints at Thawe. Capacity enhancement works and development of necessary infrastructural facilities are on-going processes based on operational requirements, resource availability, traffic justification etc. Besides, extension/diversion of existing train services and introduction of new train services depend on operational feasibility, resource availability, traffic justification, competing demands etc., which are on-going processes on Indian Railways.