

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 563
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022**

REINTRODUCTION OF SUPERFAST/EXPRESS TRAINS

563. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has reintroduced all services of long distance superfast and express trains towards and operating from Thiruvananthapuram and Madurai division under southern railway's that were cancelled due to lockdown;

(b) if so, the details thereof; division-wise;

(c) whether any stoppages for superfast or express trains stand cancelled from Chengannur, Changanassery and Mavelikkara railway stations of Thiruvananthapuram railway division; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b) To contain the spread of COVID - 19 pandemic, Indian Railways had discontinued all regular passenger carrying trains w.e.f. 23rd March, 2020. Since, November 2021, Mail/Express trains are being operated with regular number and as per rationalized time table. Accordingly, 186 and 68 Mail/Express services are respectively being operated on Thiruvananthapuram and Madurai Divisions of Southern Railway.

(c) & (d) As a part of rationalization of time table and owing to poor patronization, stoppages of 4 trains at Mavelikara and 3 trains at Changanasseri have been discontinued. However, stoppage of no train services have been discontinued at Chengannur.
