

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1526
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

**DISCONTINUATION OF PASSENGER TRAINS IN CHAKRADHARPUR
RAILWAY DIVISION**

†1526. SMT. JOBA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether many passenger trains have been discontinued in the Chakradharpur Railway Division used to run before COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Chakradharpur Railway Division is a very profitable one and local labourers and farmers have been facing a lot of problems due to discontinue of passenger trains, and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to resume the train services and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any rehabilitation scheme is proposed by the Government for the 50 families who lost their shops due to renovation work of Chakradharpur Railway Station complex, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) Indian Railways, with a view to provide better passenger safety by creating maintenance corridor blocks, minimising conflicts in existing Time Table etc., have undertaken rationalisation of Time-Table, in a scientific manner with the assistance of IIT-Bombay. As a part of rationalisation of Time Table, the services of some trains have been discontinued. Introduction of train is an ongoing process over Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability etc.

(d) Ministry of Railways has recently launched Amrit Bharat Station scheme. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach.

It involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, Executive Lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station.

The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks etc., as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.

So far 1324 Railway Stations, including Chakradharpur railway station, have been identified for development under this scheme over Indian Railways. The development of land in different parts of the stations is a continuous and ongoing exercise based on the demand and requirements of the station. As per the provisions of agreement between railway and people occupying railway land on license/lease, there is no provision of rehabilitation and sufficient opportunity has been given by railway administration to vacate the railway land to minimise the hardship to the people.
