

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2665  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024**

**DISCONTINUATION OF FIROZPUR EXPRESS DURING CORONA PERIOD**

**†2665 SMT. SANJNA JATAV:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Government is aware of discontinuation of the operation of Firozpur Express, Train Number 19023-19024 during the Corona period in the year 2019;**

**(b) if so, the time by which the Government proposes to resume the operation of the said train; and**

**(c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (c) Indian Railways have undertaken rationalization of time table, including train services, 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, generation of additional path and minimizing conflicts in existing time table to improve punctuality. Since**

**November-2021, Express train services are being operated as per rationalized time table and regular numbers. At present, Firozpur-Mumbai sector is being served by 01 pair of train services. Passengers of Firozpur desirous of travelling to Mumbai may also do so with changeover at Delhi which is connected to both Firozpur and Mumbai area by 3 pairs of Mail/Express trains and 31 pairs of Mail/Express trains respectively. Besides, introduction of new train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.**

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