

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2738  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024**

**CONSTANT CANCELLATION OF SIMHADRI EXPRESS**

**2738 SHRI SRIBHARAT MATHUKUMILLI:**

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

- (a) whether it is true that Train No. 17240 Simhadri Express has been facing constant cancellations due to safety-related works since April, 2023;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the specific safety-related works that have necessitated these cancellations;**
- (c) the duration for which the cancellations have been occurring along with the number of times by which the train has been cancelled during the last year and the expected timeline for the completion and resumption of the services of said train;**
- (d) whether the Government has received a proposal for the extension of Simhadri Express up to Piduguralla; and**
- (e) if so, the reasons for the pendency of the proposal and the timeline for its consideration and approval?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (e) At present, 13 pairs of Mail/Express and 02 pairs of special trains are operated on Guntur-Visakhapatnam sector. Further, Indian Railways (IR) makes all efforts to maintain traffic and minimize cancellation of services, while undertaking safety related works and infrastructural enhancement work, which are essential to ensure safety of Operations. However, for safety reasons, train services at times do get affected when projects are commissioned. Further, receipt of proposals inter-alia relating to extension of train services, and their examination is an on-going process.**

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