

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1448
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024**

TAGS OF SPECIAL TRAINS DURING COVID-19

†1448. SHRI AMRA RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to categories back all the passenger trains as mail and express trains which were given the tags of special trains during COVID-19; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b) With a view to contain the spread of Covid-19 pandemic, Indian Railways had discontinued the operation of all regular passenger carrying trains with effect from 23rd March, 2020 and only special train services were being operated. Meanwhile, Indian Railways also undertook rationalization of the time table with the assistance of IIT-Bombay. Consequent upon the rationalisation exercise, all Mail/express train services are being operated as per rationalized timetable and regular numbers, since November-2021.
