

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2759  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2024**

**TRAINS PASSING THROUGH KATIHAR DIVISION**

**2759. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:**

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

- (a) whether the stoppages of several trains passing through the Katihar Division were withdrawn during the COVID period;**
- (b) if so, the details of the trains and their respective stations/halts;**
- (c) whether the Railways have received multiple representations and letters from public representatives, including mine, requesting for resumption of services of these trains; and**
- (d) if so, the detailed status and the actions taken on the letter submitted, and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (d) With a view to contain the spread of Covid-19 pandemic, Indian Railways(IR) 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, IR also**

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**undertook rationalization of the time table with the assistance of IIT-Bombay. Consequent upon the rationalisation exercise, all passenger carrying train services are being operated as per rationalized time table, since November-2021.**

**Representations have been received for provision of stoppage of trains at various stations located in Katihar Division. To cater to the needs of passengers, 41 stoppages have been provided at various stations located in Katihar Division, during the period 01.04.2023 to 30.11.2024. Besides, provision of stoppage of trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, etc.**

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