

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2818
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2025**

INCONSISTENCY IN STOPPAGES AT PUDUKOTTAI

2818. SHRI DURAI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Train No. 22536 Banaras–Rameswaram Express has a scheduled stoppage at Pudukottai railway station but its return service, Train No. 22535 Rameswaram–Banaras Express does not stop at the same station;**
- (b) if so, the reasons for the inconsistency in stoppages in both directions on the same route despite public demand and significant passenger flow from Pudukottai; and**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide a stoppage for Train No. 22535 at Pudukottai station to ensure equitable access for passengers in both directions and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) Stoppage of 22535 Rameswaram-Banaras Express has been provided at Pudukottai.

Further, Indian Railways have undertaken rationalisation of time table, including rationalisation of stoppages, 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, to speed up train services etc. Presently, the train services are being operated as per the rationalised time table.

Accordingly, Pudukkottai station is presently being served by 20 Mail/Express and 6 Passenger train services.

Besides, provision of stoppage of train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, etc.
