

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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NON STOPPAGE OF TRAINS AT STATIONS AFTER COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

450 SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Ministry has ordered that trains on several routes should not stop at many railway stations after COVID-19 restrictions began;
- (b) how many such stations are involved as on 1st January 2022 and has this measure proved to be more economical to the Ministry;
- (c) how long does the Ministry propose to continue such measures or non-stopping of trains at smaller stations is being considered as a long-time measure; and
- (d) whether cutting down of halts on so many routes has shortened train travel time and have these faster timings been officially notified?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) With a view to contain spread of COVID-19 Pandemic, Indian Railways had discontinued all regular train carrying services w.e.f. 23rd March, 2020. In view of the COVID-19 situation, only special trains, with limited stoppages, keeping in view the suggestions and concerns of State Governments, were being operated. As a part of the unlocking process, most of the Special Mail/Express trains are now being operated with regular numbers, with regular fares and as per rationalised time table. Provision of stoppages and rationalisation of timings are ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility and commercial justification.
