

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.458**  
**ANSWERED ON 04.02.2022**

**CANCELLING OF TRAIN STOPPAGES DUE TO COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

458 SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that the stoppages of trains passing through Namakkal and Rasipuram stations in Tamil Nadu during night time were cancelled due to COVID-19 outbreak;
- (b) if so, the details of the cancelled train stoppages during the pandemic situation, trainwise;
- (c) whether there is a genuine demand to restore the stoppages of these trains;
- (d) if so, by when the cancelled stoppages are likely to be restored; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) To prevent the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, only special trains with limited stoppages were being operated. Further, as a part of rationalization of time table, few stoppages including that at Namakkal and Rasipuram have been discontinued owing to low patronization. However, provision / rationalization of stoppages is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability etc.

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