

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3501**  
**ANSWERED ON 31.03.2023**

**REGULAR OPERATION OF TRAINS AFTER LOCKDOWN**

3501 # SMT. DARSHANA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of trains suspended during lockdown, zone-wise;
- (b) whether the suspension of trains has been stopped after lockdown;
- (c) whether demand letters have been received from Uttar Pradesh for running of suspended trains; and
- (d) whether regular stoppage of trains is being considered, if so, the details thereof, State-wise by when the trains would again be operated regularly?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020 and only special train services were being operated. Indian Railways have also undertaken rationalization of the Time Table, including rationalization of train services and stoppages, in a scientific manner with the assistance of IIT-Bombay. The exercise inter-alia, aims to provide for better passenger safety by creating maintenance corridor blocks, minimizing conflicts in existing Time Table. Demands for running trains are received at various levels across the country, a compendium of which is not maintained. However, since November-2021, Mail/express train services are being operated as per rationalized timetable and regular numbers. The passenger services are being operationalised in a phased manner.

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