

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 420  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023**

**RESUMPTION OF PASSENGER TYPE TRAIN SERVICES**

**\*420. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:**

**SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:**

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

**(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to resume all passenger-type train services in the country including those running in the State of Kerala as per pre-COVID-19 period and if so, the details thereof;**

**(b) the details of the list of passenger-type train services originating from Kerala, which are yet to resume the services after COVID-19 period;**

**(c) whether the Government has taken any policy decision to increase the minimum fare in passenger trains from Rs. 10 to Rs. 30, if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) if not, the rationale behind the decision of the Government to run all the passenger trains as express specials with minimum fare of Rs. 30 even after all the restrictions of COVID-19 have been lifted; and**

**(e) whether the Government intends to convert all the express special trains to regular passenger type trains with minimum fare of Rs. 10, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 420 BY ADV. A.M. ARIFF AND SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.03.2023 REGARDING RESUMPTION OF PASSENGER TYPE TRAIN SERVICES**

**(a) to (e) Indian Railways do not operate trains on State-wise basis, as Railway network straddles across State boundaries. Indian Railways, to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, had discontinued all regular passengers carrying trains, including Mail/Express trains, w.e.f 23.03.2020 and only special trains with limited stoppages were being operated. Further, Indian Railways have undertaken rationalization of the Time Table, including rationalization of train services, 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, minimizing conflicts in existing Time Table, and speeding up of train services. Since, November-2021, train services are being operated with rationalised Time Table and all Mail/Express trains are being operated with regular numbers, subject to operational feasibility.**

**Fare is charged as per categorisation of train service. If the train is categorised as Mail/Express, Mail/Express fare is charged and if the train is categorised as ordinary passenger train, the fare for ordinary trains is charged.**

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