

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 567  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025**

**TRAIN STOPPAGE ACROSS KERALA**

**567. SHRI V K SREEKANDAN:**

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

**(a) whether it is a fact that the Southern Railway had discontinued a slew of stoppages during the post Covid-19 and is now considering restoring/allowing permanent additional stoppages for trains across Kerala and if so, the details thereof;**

**(b) whether it is a fact that at least a dozen trains operating in the State have been provided new permanent stoppages recently and if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether it is a fact that the reason for the spurt in allotting permanent additional stoppages is due to demand from the commuters rather than the operational reasons and if so, the details thereof; and**

**(d) whether it is a fact that a stop is provided based on the revenue generated from each station and if so, the details thereof indicating *inter alia* with the stations where stoppages have been restored/additional permanent stoppages were allowed come under this category?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (d) With a view to contain the spread of Covid-19 pandemic, Indian Railways (IR) had discontinued the operation of all regular passenger carrying trains with effect from 23rd March, 2020 and only special train services were being operated.**

**Indian Railways also undertook rationalization 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, speeding up of train services and to improve punctuality. Since November-2021, Express train services are being operated as per rationalized time table.**

**To facilitate the passengers of various stations located in the State of Kerala, 152 stoppages have been provided during the period 2023-24 and 2025-26 (till 25th November,2025).**

**Besides, provision of stoppage of train services depends on the traffic justification, operational feasibility including availability of extra time on the section & availability of matching infrastructure such as Platform length etc., which is an on-going process.**

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