

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2307  
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WITHDRAWAL OF TRAIN SERVICE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the withdrawal of train service between Andal- Palasthali of Eastern Railway;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is committed to provide train service even in remote areas;
- (d) if so, whether the Government would consider to re-start the said train service; and
- (e) if so, the action taken in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (e) Pandabeswar-Palasthali section is 30 Kms long branch line section of Asansol Division. Two pairs of trains used to run on this section. Due to large scale illegal mining in the areas under the track, the portion of the track has been declared unsafe and running of passengers? carrying train has since been suspended from 26.09.2002 for safety of passengers. This issue has been taken up with State Government and ECL (Eastern Coalfield Ltd.) official for appropriate action at their end for restoration of train services but no concrete action has yet been taken at their end. In this situation it may not be safe to restore passenger services on the section for safety of passengers.