

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1696
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.09.2020**

TRAIN SERVICES

1696. SHRI PRADAN BARUAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the people of Northern bank including Arunachal Pradesh are likely to have regular and multiple train options for travel to rest of India; and

(a) the time by which the services between Dhemaji and Guwahati are likely to be resumed post covid-19 pandemic?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a) & (b) Prior to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, three long distance train services including one Rajdhani Express were already connecting the Northern Bank with the rest of country. With a view to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, Indian Railways has discontinued the regular passenger train services w.e.f. 23.03.2020. At present, only special trains with limited stoppages are being operated by Indian Railways keeping in view the concerns and suggestions of the State Governments. Resumption of train services, including the train services between Dhemaji and Guwahati, is a gradual process keeping in view the pandemic situation and the recommendations of the State Governments concerned.
