

Title: Re: Dedicated railway service from Ludhiana to various destinations in Rajasthan.

SHRI RAVNEET SINGH (LUDHIANA): The difficulties being faced by residents of my Parliamentary Constituency, Ludhiana in Punjab in undergoing rail journey to Rajasthan, especially Khatu Shyam Temple and Udaipur.

I may like to point out that a large number of railway passengers are conducting rail journey from Ludhiana to Khatu Shyam Mandir and Udaipur every year and have to change two or three trains to reach these destinations which besides being time consuming also make journey expensive. These two destinations of Khatu Shyam Mandir and Udaipur are extremely popular with people of Ludhiana for their religious value and also as a very attractive tourist destination. Besides, other important tourist spots like Chittorgarh, Ajmer, Mount Abu, etc. of Rajasthan are also very popular with the people of Ludhiana.

In this 75th year of our Independence when we are celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', it will be quite appropriate if a dedicated railway service from Ludhiana to these various destinations in Rajasthan especially Khatu Shyam Mandir and Udaipur is started as a gift to the people of Ludhiana and all other intervening cities which besides encouraging tourism can also enhance revenue by the Indian Railways.