

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TRAVEL PACKAGES FOR BUDDHIST CIRCUITS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to introduce certain new travel packages for Buddhist circuits;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of such trains that would pass through Orissa region?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has planned to operate monthly tour packages covering important Buddhist pilgrimage destinations such as Nagarjuna Konda, Ajanta & Ellora Caves, Sravasti, Sanchi, Kushinagar, Rajgir, Bodhgaya, etc. on demand basis.

(c): Presently, two rail tour packages are operated by IRCTC in Orissa covering Buddhist pilgrim destinations, like Dhaulagiri, Khandagiri, Udaygiri, Lalitgiri and Ratnagiri. These packages are offered through regular train service.