

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Railways propose to introduce thematic tourist trains between Bodhgaya-Bhubneshwar and Kolkata-Bhubneshwar and to extend Maharaja Express train to Bhubneshwar in view of enormous pilgrimage/tourism potential;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and other measures taken to cater to huge rush of pilgrims/tourists in these areas?

**Answer**

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Trains connecting various places, including tourist spots, are regularly introduced subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility and availability of resources. In addition to regular trains, special trains and attachment of additional coaches on regular trains are done to cater to rush of pilgrims / tourists. The itineraries of Maharajas' Express are planned based on market potential and consumer demand.