

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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RAIL CONNECTIVITY TO PLACES OF PILGRIMAGE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways propose to connect various places of pilgrimage across the country with train services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise;
- (c) the time-frame set for its implementation; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) Introduction of new train services to connect various parts of the country including places of pilgrimage, is an ongoing process subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources, competing demands etc. Indian Railways do not introduce trains on State-wise basis as railway network runs across state boundaries.