

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINS TO PILGRIM PLACES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways plan to connect Bhubaneswar-Puri, Ahmedabad-Dwarka and Chennai- Rameshwaram by Rajdhani or other fast moving trains to enable the tourists to visit these world fame shrines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways also propose to take necessary steps to connect world famous musoleum of Madarsa at Makanpur and Namisharanya pilgrimage under Misrikh parliamentary constituency of Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) to (e) In the Railway Budget 2012-13, extension of 12145/12146 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Bhubaneswar Express upto Puri has been announced. 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, etc. However, at present, there is no proposal to connect places of pilgrimage like Makanpur and Namisharanya as well as Ahmedabad -Dwarka and Chennai-Rameshwaram by Rajdhani or other fast moving trains.