

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2141
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BUDDHIST TRAINS
Ramasubbu Shri S.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the IRCTC has any proposal to extend the ride of Buddhist trains to other Buddhist shrines as well;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also proposed to introduce Chennai Buddhist Shuttle particularly to facilitate the tourists from Sri Lanka;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): Odisha Government has approached Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation to extend one trip of the Mahaparinirvan Express train to Odisha State to cover a few important Buddhist sites there.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d) & (e): Do not arise.