

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF RAIL SERVICES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the State Government of Uttarakhand has asked the Ministry to expand rail services in their State as it is an important State from strategic and tourism points of view;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. Requests for introduction of train services have been received from the Government of Uttarakhand. Though Indian Railways do not run train services on State-wise basis, these have been examined and accordingly in the Railway Budget 2014-15, the following have been announced:

- (1) 15043/15044 Lucknow – Kathgodam Express (Tri-Weekly)
- (2) 15031/15032 Ramnagar-Chandigarh Express (Weekly)
- (3) 15055/15056 Ramnagar-Agra Express (Weekly)

Besides, 15013/15014 Kathgodam -Bhagat Ki Kothi Ranikhet Express has been extended upto Jaisalmer w.e.f 01.09.2014, as announced in Railway Budget, 2014-15.

Further, introduction/extension and increase in frequency of train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, demand pattern, availability of resources etc.