

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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LINKING OF ANCIENT PLACES OF PILGRIMAGE BY RAIL SERVICE

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have any proposal to link places of pilgrimage by direct rail services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of new rail services and rail lines sanctioned during the last three years for the same;
- (d) whether the Railways have proposed to start a direct train service between Delhi and Bijnore via Hastinapur; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c) Train services are provided based on regular demand of passenger traffic to and from important stations taking into account the availability of resources and operational feasibility. Likewise, no proposal has been sanctioned during the last three years specifically for the purpose of linking places of pilgrimage. However, such places may get linked/served through new lines projects whenever taken up in that area.
- (d) No, Madam.
- (e) Does not arise.