

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1256
ANSWERED ON 11.02.2022

TRAINS FOR PROMOTING CULTURAL AND PILGRIMAGE TOURISM

1256. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of trains started in the last three years in view of cultural tourism and pilgrimage to promote our cultural heritage;
- (b) whether Government has launched any sales promotion scheme to encourage booking in these trains; and
- (c) if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) Indian Railways in association with Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC) operates various tourist circuit trains viz. Bharat Darshan Trains, Pilgrim Special Trains, Buddhist Special and AC Deluxe Trains, etc. to promote our cultural heritage. These tourist circuit trains are planned and operated by IRCTC from time to time covering different themes and itineraries across the country based on passenger demand.

The details of trips operated by IRCTC during the last three years are Appended.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Ministry of Railways does not launch any such scheme. However, IRCTC launches promotional schemes from times to time to encourage bookings in Buddhist Specials and AC Deluxe trains, details of which are available on booking websites.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1256 BY DR. AMEE YAJNIK ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 11.02.2022 REGARDING TRAINS FOR PROMOTING CULTURAL AND PILGRIMAGE TOURISM

(a):

Details of trips operated during the last 03 years (2018-19, 2019-20 & 2021-22)					
S. No.	Product	No. of Trips operated during:			
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21*	2021-22* (Upto Dec. 2021)
1	Bharat Darshan	99	92	21	26
2	Pilgrim Tourist Train	4	8	4	13
3	Buddhist Circuit Train	8	7	0	0
4	AC Deluxe Tourist Train	-	-	1	6

* The operation of Tourist Circuit Trains has been adversely impacted due to Covid pandemic.
