# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

## RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2200 ANSWERED ON 13.12.2024

## **NEW TRAINS FOR BALLIA**

#### 2200 SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new trains started during last three years and the current year for connecting Ballia and Ghazipur to Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata, year-wise and citywise; and

(b) the details of new trains which are proposed to be introduced during current financial year connecting Ballia and Ghazipur in Uttar Pradesh to four metropolitan cities of the country?

#### ANSWER

## MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### (SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b) With a view to provide direct connectivity to the passengers of Ballia for Mumbai and Delhi areas, 11071/72 Banaras-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express (w.e.f 10.12.2023) and 22581/82 Banaras-New Delhi Express (w.e.f 30.01.2024) have been extended to Ballia. Presently, Ballia is connected to Delhi (by 09 pairs), to Mumbai (by 03 pairs), to Chennai (by 01 pairs) and to Kolkata (by 04 pairs). Similarly, Ghazipur is connected to Delhi (by 08 pairs), to Mumbai (by 04 pairs), to Chennai (by 01 pair) and to Kolkata (by 02 pairs). Besides, introduction of new train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc.

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