

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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REOPERATIONALISATION OF KALKA AMRITSAR TRAIN SERVICE

2347 SHRI KARTIKEYA SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Kalka–Amritsar train service, which earlier operated for the convenience of residents of Kalka, Panchkula and adjoining areas, has been discontinued;
- (b) if so, the reasons for and whether any review has been undertaken regarding the inconvenience caused to daily commuters, elderly citizens and Sikh pilgrims who frequently travel to Amritsar;
- (c) whether Government proposes to restore or introduce a new direct train service between Kalka and Amritsar to reduce travel time and avoid the need for passengers to first reach Chandigarh railway station; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the expected timeline for re-operationalising the service?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) to (d) At present, Kalka is served by 08 pairs of trains, as listed below, which are providing connectivity to destinations like Delhi, Kolkata, Sai Nagar Shirdi, Bhopal, Ambala, Chandigarh etc.

SN	Train no. and name
1	12311/12 Howrah-Kalka Netaji Express
2	14503/04 Kalka - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express
3	12005/06 New Delhi - Kalka Shatabdi Express
4	14331/32 Delhi - Kalka Express
5	14795/96 Bhiwani-Kalka Ekta Express
6	12011/12 New Delhi - Kalka Shatabdi Express

7	22455/56 Sainagar Shirdi - Kalka SF Express
8	54531/32 Ambala Cantt - Kalka Passenger

Further, Chandigarh, near Kalka, is well connected to Amritsar by 08 pairs of train services as listed below:

SN	Train no. and name
1	14631/32 Dehradun - Amritsar Express
2	18101/02 Tatanagar - Jammu Tawi Express
3	18309/10 Sambalpur - Jammu Tawi Express
4	12411/12 Chandigarh - Amritsar Express
5	15531/32 Saharsa - Amritsar Jan Sadharan Express
6	14615/16 Lalkuan - Amritsar Weekly Express (via Kashipur)
7	12925/26 Bandra(T)-Amritsar Paschim Express
8	14541/42 Chandigarh - Amritsar Express

Besides, introduction of new train services, which is an on-going process, depends on various factors which include-

- Capacity of that section
- Availability of path
- Availability of required rolling stock
- Availability of matching infrastructure for rolling stock
- Maintenance requirement of railway tracks and other assets
