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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
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ENHANCEMENT OF RAILWAY SERVICES FOR DEVOTEES TRAVELLING TO KHATU SHYAM JI

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the increasing demand for rail connectivity to Khatu Shyam Ji from Delhi and nearby areas, if so, the steps taken;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to introduce a direct express train via Rewari-Narnaul- Sikar and to extend existing services like Delhi-Rewari DEMU (74001/74004) and Haridwar-Rewari Express (19617/19620) to Sikar, if so, the status thereof;
- (c) whether frequency of Lucknow-Khatu Shyam Ji Express (05097/05098) will be increased and key trains like Bikaner Intercity Express (22463/22464) rerouted via Rewari- Narnaul-Sikar, if so, the timeline thereof; and
- (d) current status and expected timeline of the Delhi-Alwar-Reengas-Fatehpur Shekhawati railway line, sanctioned in 2013?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (d) Ringas, which serves as the rail head for Khatu Shyam Ji temple, is presently connected to Delhi by 09 pairs of Mail/Express train services (listed below) including 08 pairs of train services are operational via Rewari - Narnaul.

SN	Train number and name
1	15091/15092 Tanakpur - Daurai Express
2	19603/19604 Godda - Daurai Express
3	14087/14088 Delhi - Jaisalmer Runicha Express
4	22451/22452 Chandigarh - Bandra Terminus Express
5	22985/22986 Delhi Sarai Rohilla - Udaipur City Humsafar Express
6	22949/22950 Delhi Sarai Rohilla - Bandra Terminus Express
7	12065/12066 Delhi Sarai Rohilla - Ajmer Jan Shatabdi Express
8	20473/20474 Delhi Sarai Rohilla - Udaipur City Chetak Express
9	19701/19702 Delhi Cantt. - Jaipur Sainik Express

Connectivity of Sikar to Delhi and Rewari:

Presently, Sikar is directly connected to Delhi via Rewari - Loharu by 02 pairs of Express train services as under:-

SN	Train number and name
1	19701/19702 Delhi Cantt. - Jaipur Sainik Express
2	14713/14714 Delhi Sarai Rohilla - Sikar Express

On an end-to-end basis Sikar is connected to Rewari via Loharu by 54803/54804 Rewari - Sikar Passenger.

Further, 12 pairs of train services directly connect Rewari to Ringas via Narnaul and 19701/19702 Delhi Cantonment - Jaipur Sainik Express connect Rewari to Ringas via Loharu.

Ringas is also well connected to Sikar by 12 pairs of regular train services. Presently, 03 pairs of train services connect Bikaner to Ringas via Sikar. These are listed below:

Train services connecting Rewari to Ringas via Narnaul

SN	Train number and name
1	19701/19702 Delhi Cantt. - Jaipur Sainik Express
2	19619/19620 Rewari - Falna Express
3	14705/14706 Bhiwani - Delhi Kishanganj Express
4	15091/15092 Tanakpur - Daurai Express
5	19617/19618 Rewari - Madar Express
6	19603/19604 Godda - Daurai Express
7	14087/14088 Delhi - Jaisalmer Express
8	22451/22452 Chandigarh - Bandra Terminus Express
9	12065/12066 Delhi Sarai Rohilla - Ajmer Jan Shatabdi Express
10	22985/22986 Delhi Sarai Rohilla - Udaipur City Express
11	22949/22950 Delhi Sarai Rohilla - Bandra Terminus Humsafar Express
12	19621/19622 Rewari - Falna Express
13	20473/20474 Udaipur City - Delhi Sarai Rohilla Chetak Express

Train services connecting Ringas to Sikar:

SN	Train number and name
1	19701/19702 Delhi Cantt. - Jaipur Sainik Express
2	14701/14702 Shri Ganganagar - Bandra Terminus Amrapur Aravalli Express
3	20403/20404 Lalgadh - Subedarganj Express
4	12403/12404 Lalgadh - Subedarganj Express
5	17019/17020 Hisar - Hyderabad Deccan Express
6	54703/54704 Bhatinda - Jaipur Passenger
7	12239/12240 Hisar - Mumbai Central Durgam Express

8	20497/20498 Firozpur Cantt. - Rameswaram Express
9	74861/74862 Churu - Jaipur DMU
10	19333/19334 Bikaner - Indore Express
11	19807/19808 Sirsa - Kota Express
12	19813/19814 Sirsa - Kota Express

Trains Connectivity between Ringas - Sikar - Bikaner:

SN	Train number and name
1	19333/19334 Indore - Bikaner Express
2	20403/20402 Subedarganj - Lalgarh Express
3	12403/12402 Subedarganj - Lalgarh Express

05097/05098 Tanakpur - Daurai Special (Tri-weekly) has been regularised and now operational as 15091/15092 Tanakpur - Daurai Express with increased frequency of 4 days a week.

Besides, introduction of new train services, extension/increase in frequency/Change in route of existing services on any route/section, are on-going processes on Indian Railways and 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 asset

Delhi-Alwar-Ringas-Fatehpur Shekhawati Railway line:

Delhi-Alwar-Bandikui-Jaipur-Ringus-Sikar-Fatehpur Shekhawati is existing broad gauge network having double line in Delhi-Alwar-Bandikui-Jaipur section and single line in Jaipur-Ringus-Sikar-Fatehpur Shekhawati section.

To further augment the capacity of this section, final location survey of Ringus-Sikar doubling (50 Km) has been sanctioned and the Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared.

After preparation of DPR, sanctioning of project requires consultation with various stake-holders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance etc. As sanctioning of projects is a continuous and dynamic process, exact timelines cannot be fixed.

Budget allocation in the recent years has increased significantly. Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan is as under:-

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹682 crore/year
2025-26	₹9,960 crore (Nearly 15 times)

The details of commissioning/laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan during 2009-14 and 2014-25 is as under:-

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	798 Km	159.60 Km/year
2014-25	3,815 Km	346.82 Km/year (More than 2 times)

As on 01.04.2025, 28 Railway projects (13 New Lines, 05 Gauge Conversion and 10 Doubling), of total length of 3,409 Km costing ₹43,918 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan have been sanctioned, out of which 1,238 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹18,954 crore has been incurred upto March 2025. The status of work is summarized as under:-

Category	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Expenditure (₹ in Cr)
New Lines	13	981	196	5769
Gauge Conversion	5	1252	788	6829
Multitracking / Doubling	10	1176	254	6357
Total	28	3,409	1,238	18,954

Zonal Railway wise details of Railway Projects are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

Sanction of any railway project depends upon many parameters/factors which include the following:

- Anticipated traffic projections and Remunerativeness of the proposed route
- First and last mile connectivity provided by the project
- Connection of missing links and providing additional route
- Augmentation of congested/saturated lines
- Demands raised by State Governments/Central Ministries/Public representatives,
- Railway's own operational requirements
- Socio-economic considerations
- Overall availability of funds

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors which include the following:

- Land acquisition by State Government
- Forest clearance
- Shifting of infringing utilities
- Statutory clearances from various authorities
- Geological and topographical conditions of area
- Law and order situation in the area of project site
- Number of working months in a year for particular project site etc.

All these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project/s.
