

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 760
ANSWERED ON 24.07.2026

**SPECIAL TRAINS AND ADDITIONAL COACHES FOR RATH YATRA AT PURI AND
MAJOR FESTIVALS**

760 SHRI SUBHASISH KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the demand for rail travel to Puri during Rath Yatra and other major festivals, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of special trains operated, additional coaches attached and the number of passengers carried during Rath Yatra in the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether Government proposes to augment the number of special trains, train frequency and coach capacity to Puri during Rath Yatra and other major festivals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, including the proposed measures and timelines?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d) Puri is presently being served by 116 regular train services. These are listed below:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	20835 Rourkela-Puri Vande Bharat Express
2	20836 Puri-Rourkela Vande Bharat Express
3	22895 Howrah-Puri Vande Bharat Express
4	22896 Puri-Howrah Vande Bharat Express
5	12277 Howrah-Puri Shatabdi Express
6	12278 Puri-Howrah Shatabdi Express
7	22201 Sealdah-Puri Durgam Express
8	22202 Puri-Sealdah Durgam Express
9	22883 Puri-Yesvantpur Garib Rath Express
10	22884 Yesvantpur-Puri Garib Rath Express
11	12145 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Puri Express
12	12146 Puri-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
13	12801 Puri-Anand Vihar (T) Express
14	12802 Anand Vihar (T)-Puri Express
15	12815 Puri-Anand Vihar (T) Express
16	12816 Anand Vihar (T)-Puri Express
17	12821 Howrah-Puri Express
18	12822 Puri-Howrah Express

19	12837 Howrah-Puri Express
20	12838 Puri-Howrah Express
21	12843 Puri-Ahmedabad Express
22	12844 Ahmedabad-Puri Express
23	12875 Puri-Anand Vihar (T) Express
24	12876 Anand Vihar (T)-Puri Express
25	12881 Shalimar-Puri Garib Rath Express
26	12882 Puri-Shalimar Garib Rath Express
27	12887 Shalimar-Puri Express
28	12888 Puri-Shalimar Express
29	12895 Shalimar-Puri Express
30	12896 Puri-Shalimar Express
31	12993 Gandhidham-Puri Express
32	12994 Puri-Gandhidham Express
33	15639 Puri-Kamakhya Express
34	15640 Kamakhya-Puri Express
35	15643 Puri-Kamakhya Express
36	15644 Kamakhya-Puri Express
37	17479 Puri-Tirupati Express
38	17480 Tirupati-Puri Express
39	18017 Bhanjpur-Puri Express
40	18018 Puri-Bhanjpur Express
41	18039 Shalimar-Puri Express
42	18040 Puri-Shalimar Express
43	18125 Rourkela-Puri Express
44	18126 Puri-Rourkela Express
45	18303 Sambalpur-Puri Express
46	18304 Puri-Sambalpur Express
47	18401 Bangriposi-Puri Express
48	18402 Puri-Bangriposi Express
49	18405 Puri-Patna Jn Express
50	18406 Patna Jn-Puri Express
51	18407 Puri-Koraput Jn. Express
52	18408 Koraput Jn.-Puri Express
53	18409 Shalimar-Puri Express
54	18410 Puri-Shalimar Express
55	18413 Paradeep-Puri Express
56	18414 Puri-Paradeep Express
57	18415 Barbil-Puri Express
58	18416 Puri-Barbil Express
59	18417 Puri-Gunupur Express
60	18418 Gunupur-Puri Express
61	18419 Puri-Jaynagar Express
62	18420 Jaynagar-Puri Express
63	18421 Puri-Sonepur Express

64	18422 Sonapur-Puri Express
65	18425 Puri-Durg Express
66	18426 Durg-Puri Express
67	18427 Puri-Anand Vihar (T) Express
68	18428 Anand Vihar (T)-Puri Express
69	18449 Puri-Patna Jn Express
70	18450 Patna Jn-Puri Express
71	18451 Hatia-Puri Express
72	18452 Puri-Hatia Express
73	18477 Puri-Yog Nagari Rishikesh Express
74	18478 Yog Nagari Rishikesh-Puri Express
75	20471 Shri Ganganagar-Puri Express
76	20472 Puri-Shri Ganganagar Express
77	20813 Puri-Jodhpur Express
78	20814 Jodhpur-Puri Express
79	20819 Puri-Okha Express
80	20820 Okha-Puri Express
81	20823 Puri-Ajmer Jn Express
82	20824 Ajmer Jn-Puri Express
83	20857 Puri-Sainagar Shirdi Express
84	20858 Sainagar Shirdi-Puri Express
85	20861 Puri-Ahmedabad Express
86	20862 Ahmedabad-Puri Express
87	20917 Indore-Puri Express
88	20918 Puri-Indore Express
89	22827 Puri-Surat Express
90	22828 Surat-Puri Express
91	22835 Shalimar-Puri Express
92	22836 Puri-Shalimar Express
93	22859 Puri-Mgr Chennai Central Express
94	22860 Mgr Chennai Central-Puri Express
95	22865 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Puri Express
96	22866 Puri-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
97	22889 Digha-Puri Express
98	22890 Puri-Digha Express
99	22909 Valsad-Puri Express
100	22910 Puri-Valsad Express
101	22973 Gandhidham-Puri Express
102	22974 Puri-Gandhidham Express
103	68403 Khurda Road-Puri MEMU
104	68404 Puri-Khurda Road MEMU
105	68409 Khurda Road-Puri MEMU
106	68410 Puri-Khurda Road MEMU
107	68413 Talcher-Puri MEMU
108	68414 Puri-Talcher MEMU

109	68415 Cuttack-Puri MEMU
110	68416 Puri-Cuttack MEMU
111	68421 Angul-Puri MEMU
112	68422 Puri-Angul MEMU
113	68441 Jaleswar-Puri MEMU
114	68442 Puri-Jaleswar MEMU
115	68449 Puri-Daspalla MEMU
116	68450 Daspalla-Puri MEMU

In its constant endeavour to cater to the needs of travelling passengers, Indian Railways (IR) introduces new services, extends existing train services and also increases the frequencies of services. Besides, augmentation of loads of existing train services is also undertaken.

Moreover, to cater to the extra rush of passengers during peak seasons, festivals, religious congregations etc. Indian Railways also operates special trains and augments the loads of existing services, keeping in view the pattern of traffic, commercial justification, operational feasibility and availability of resources etc. These are on-going processes.

To facilitate the passengers during the Rath Yatra festival, around 1075 trips of special trains have been operated during the year 2022 to 2025. The year-wise break-up is as under:

Year	No. of Special train trips
2022	192
2023	194
2024	323
2025	365

This year during the Rath Yatra period from 15.07.2026 to 28.07.2026 (14 days), more than 1150 trains trips including special train trips are catering to the needs of passengers travelling to Puri.
