

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3333  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2017**

**PILGRIM TRAINS**

**3333. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch a pilgrim train through IRCTC with a package of seven and ten days;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the locations identified for running the said train across the country; and**
- (d) the details regarding operation schedule for booking by the pilgrims/passengers?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Aastha Circuit trains covering various religious places have commenced operation on 17.02.2017. It offers all inclusive tour packages on different itineraries of varying duration, decided by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC) from time to time, and announced/booked through IRCTC tourism portal [www.irtctctourism.com](http://www.irtctctourism.com). The first 6 nights/7 days itinerary started from Guwahati on 17.02.2017 has covered Kolkata, Puri and Bhubaneswar and the second 10 nights/11 days itinerary started from Darbhanga on 20.03.2017 is planned to cover Bhubaneswar, Tirupati, Kanyakumari, Trivandrum, Rameshwaram and Madurai, with several boarding/de-boarding points enroute.**

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