

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.271
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2018**

PILGRIMAGE TRAINS

† 271. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request for expansion of the railway network in the famous pilgrimage and tourist destination Chitrakoot Dham in the country ; and

(b) if so, the details of new action plan formulated by the Government for improving rail services in this world famous religious place Chitrakoot Dham?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) At present, Chitrakoot Dham Karwi station is connected to prominent locations of the country like Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Kanpur, Varanasi, Gwalior etc. Further, requests/demands for new lines, gauge conversion and doubling, both formal as well as informal,

are received by Railways at various levels, Railway Board, Zonal Railways and Divisional Headquarters, etc. As receipt of such requests/suggestions/demands is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained.

(b) In process of improvement of rail services in Chitrakoot Dham, the work for doubling of Jhansi-Manikpur and Khairar-Bhimsen (Kanpur) of 425 km has been sanctioned at estimated cost of ₹ 4329.54 crore in March, 2018. After completion of this project, Chitrakoot Dham will be connected with double line.

Further, additional connectivity to Allahabad & Kanpur has been provided by extending 22441/22442 Kanpur-Allahabad Express up to Chitrakoot Dham Karwi w.e.f. 25.02.2018. Besides, introduction of new train services is an ongoing process over Indian Railways.
