

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5456
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023**

OPERATION OF SAMTA EXPRESS FROM JAGDALPUR TO DELHI

†5456. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry proposes to run Samta Express from Jagdalpur to Delhi *via* Rampur once a week to give the direct benefit of train services to North Indians, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of the trains running between tribal dominated Bastar constituency and Delhi;**
- (c) whether there is no direct train from Delhi to the above constituency;**
- (d) if so, whether Samta Express is likely to be run on the above route once a week; and**
- (e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) Presently, 12807/08 Visakhapatnam-H. Nizamuddin Samta Express (5 days a week) is being operated *via* Rayagada-Raipur-Nagpur-Gwalior-Agra Cantt. route. Further, at present, there is no proposal to divert this train service. However, passengers desirous to travel from Jagdalpur area to Delhi may avail change over at Rayagada. Besides, introduction of train service to connect various parts of the country is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of resources, etc.