

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2184  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2020**

**TRAINS FROM SHIRDI TO DELHI**

**†2184. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has considered/proposes to consider to connect Shirdi city of Maharashtra to other cities especially to Delhi with any express/mail service;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) to (c) At present, 22455/22456 Sai Nagar Shirdi-Kalka Express provides direct connectivity between Sai Nagar Shirdi and Delhi area. Besides, Sai Nagar Shirdi is connected with other major cities like, Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai, Visakhapatnam etc. by direct train services. During the period 2014-2019, two pairs of trains originating from/terminating at Sai Nagar Shirdi has been introduced. Owing to operational and resource constraints, presently, there is no proposal to start new train from Sai Nagar Shirdi. However, introduction of trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of resources etc.**

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