

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 512
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2020**

RAIL CONNECTIVITY TO BUDDHIST PILGRIMAGE CENTRES

512. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to introduce a special railway line to provide enhanced connectivity to the Buddhist pilgrimage centres in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a) & (b) The following works of New Lines have been included in Budget and are in different stages of execution to connect Buddhist Pilgrimage Centres:

(i) Gaya-Bodhgaya-Chatra, Gaya-Natesar(Nalanda)

(ii) Rajgir-Hisua-Tilaiya, Natesar-Islampur

(iii) Kapilvastu-Basti

(iv) Bahraich-Shravasti-Balrampur/Tulsipur

(v) Padrauna-Kushinagar via Gorakhpur

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