

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 541
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2020**

EXTENSION OF LOKMANYA TILAK EXPRESS

541. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways is considering the request to extend Lokmanya Tilak Express - 18519/18520(Mumbai - Vishakhapatnam) to Rayagada, which is commercially viable without additional expenses apart from serving the needs of tribal dominated undivided Koraput District;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the timeline by when this would be extended; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the alternate arrangement to address the demands of people?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. Extension of 18519/18520 Visakhapatnam-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express upto Rayagada is not feasible, at present, due to operational and resource constraints including non-availability of maintenance facilities at Rayagada. However, passengers of Rayagada/Koraput may avail change-over at Vizianagaram/Visakhapatnam.
