## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 23 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021

#### **RAIL SERVICES IN UTTAR PRADESH**

### †\*23. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

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

- (a) whether any new rail services have been started to connect Uttar Pradesh with the other States of the country during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the service-wise and location-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether any proposals regarding rail services in Mohanlalganj and other districts in Uttar Pradesh submitted by the State Government are pending with the Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

### (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 23 BY SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.02.2021 REGARDING RAIL SERVICES IN UTTAR PRADESH.

(a) & (b) Indian Railways do not operate train services on State-wise basis as Railway network straddles across State boundaries. However, during the period 2018-19 & 2019-20, Indian Railways have introduced 11 pairs i.e. 22 train services (in Single) originating from/ terminating at the stations located in State of Uttar Pradesh, as detailed below:-

S.No.	Train Number	From	То	Nature
1	22437/22438	Allahabad	Anand Vihar(T)	Humsafar Express
2	15113/15114	Lucknow	Chhapra Kachehri	Express
3	22435/22436	New Delhi	Varanasi	Vande Bharat Express
4	15551/15552	Darbhanga	Varanasi	Antyodaya Express
5	22987/22988	Ajmer jn.	Agra fort	Express
6	63229/63230	Buxar	Varanasi	MEMU
7	51917/51918	Delhi	Shamli	Passenger
8	65105/65106	Varanasi City	Chhapra	MEMU
9	51917/51918	Delhi	Shamli	Sewa Express
10	19811/19812	Kota jn.	Etawah	Express
11	65103/65104	Varanasi City	Chhapra/	Express

In addition to the above, the following trains, operated by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), introduced in the above mentioned period, also serve stations located in the State of Uttar Pradesh:

S.No.	Train No.	From	То	Nature
1	82501/82502	Lucknow	New Delhi	Tejas Express
2	82401/82402	Varanasi	Indore	Kashi Mahakal Express ( Bi-weekly) via Lucknow
3	82403/82404	Varanasi	Indore	Kashi Mahakal Express ( Weekly)Via Prayagraj

(c) & (d): Requests for introduction of new train services are received at various levels of Railway administration, inter-alia from Members of Parliament, Public representatives and also from other quarters, a compendium of which is not maintained. These are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken. Prior to cancellation of regular services to contain spread of COVID-19 pandemic, Mohanlalganj station was being served by 01 pairs of Mail/Express and 05 passenger/DEMU trains which provided connectivity to cities like Lucknow, Prayagraj, Bareilly, Varanasi, Pratapgarh etc. Mohanlalganj is a way side station located at a distance of 20 km from Lucknow which lacks necessary infrastructural facilities like pit line, stabling origination/termination of trains. As such, it is operationally not feasible to introduce new trains from Mohanlalganj. However, nearest major terminal to Mohanlalganj is Lucknow which is well connected to all major cities of the country. Besides, introduction of new trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic demand, availability of resources, etc.