

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2751  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2021**

**RAIL SERVICES**

**†2751. SHRIMATI SANGEETA AZAD:**

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

- (a) whether any new rail services have been introduced to connect eastern parts of Uttar Pradesh to other States of the country during the last two years;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether any proposal for direct railway line between Azamgarh to Varanasi via Lalganj is lying 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) and (b) Indian Railways do not operate trains on State-wise basis, as railway network straddles across State boundaries. During the years 2018 & 2019 Indian Railways introduced 20 pairs of trains serving various stations located in the State of Uttar Pradesh of which the following 05 pairs inter alia serve major stations like Varanasi, Prayagraj and Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jn. located in the eastern part of the state:-**

- 1. 15125/15126 Manduadih-Patna Express.**
- 2. 22437/22438 Prayagraj-Anand Vihar(T) Humsafar Express.**
- 3. 22435/22436 New Delhi-Varanasi Vande Bharat Express.**
- 4. 15551/15552 Darbhanga-Varanasi Antyodaya Express.**
- 5. 65105/65106 Varanasi City-Chhapra MEMU.**

**(c) and (d) No, Sir. A Survey for Varanasi-Gorakhpur via Lalganj & Azamgarh (196 km) has been completed in 2018-19. As per survey report, project was found to be financially unviable, hence, project could not be taken forward for execution.**

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