

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3505  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021**

**TRAINS TO TOURIST PLACES**

**†3505. SHRI RAMSHIROMANI VERMA:**

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

- (a) whether there is any scheme to connect all the major historical cities/tourist places of the country with the Railways;**
- (b) if so, whether there is any scheme to directly connect Shrawasti Parliamentary Constituency which is a famous Buddhist site with the major cities of the country; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

- (a) Indian Railways, through Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), is operating various tourist trains such as Bharat Darshan/ Aastha Circuit Tourist, Pilgrim Tourist Trains, State Special Tourist Trains, Deluxe Tourist Trains, Buddhist Circuit Train and Luxury Tourist Trains which are connecting major historical cities/tourist places of the country viz. Ayodhya, Varanasi, Ujjain, Agra, Prayagraj, Baidyanath, Bodhgaya, Rajgir, Nalanda, Nagpur, Indore, Aurangabad, Chitrakoot, Mathura, Vrindavan, Puri, Gangasagar, Tirupati, Madurai, Rameshwaram, Srirangapatnam, Mysore, Dwarka, Ankaleshwar, Nasik, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Jaipur, Udaipur, Ajmer, Khajuraho, Orchha, Sarnath, Kushinagar, Sravasti, Fatehpur Sikri, Nathdwara, Nandigram, Sitamadhi, Hampi, Mumbai, Gokarana, Belur, Jabalpur, Coorg, Thanjavur.**
- (b) and (c): Yes, Sir. New Rail line project Bahraich-Khalilabad (240 km) via Shrawasti has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.4940 crore.**

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