

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3591  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021**

**SPECIAL TRAINS FOR KUMBH MELA**

**3591 SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:  
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is planning to run special trains from Karnataka to Uttarakhand to enable devotees and travellers to visit Haridwar/Rishikesh for the Kumbh Mela;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the number of such trains originating from Karnataka and the details thereof ?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) to (c) Indian Railways does not operate train services on State wise basis as Railway network straddles across State boundaries. However, for the Kumbh Mela (January – April, 2021), at Haridwar, Indian Railways has made adequate arrangements, keeping in view the concerns and suggestions of State Governments, in view of the prevailing COVID-19 situation. 12 pairs of Kumbh Mela Specials, which are in addition to the existing services bound for Haridwar, are being operated. Besides, 15 pairs of trains bound for Haridwar, have also been augmented for generating additional accommodation for the pilgrims. However, passengers may avail suitable change over enroute at stations like Delhi for travelling to Haridwar.**

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