

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4682
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2021**

TRAINS FOR TOURIST DESTINATION

4682. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of trains has been started for tourist destinations;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to start more such trains for tourist destinations;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4682 BY SHRI KUNWAR DANISH ALI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.03.2021 REGARDING TRAINS FOR TOURIST DESTINATION

(a) to (d): Indian Railways, through IRCTC and various State tourism development corporations, caters to the demand of diverse tourism segments, ranging from budget to luxury segments. Budget segment packages are offered through Bharat Darshan/Aastha Circuit/Pilgrim Specials. The semi-luxury segment is catered by Buddhist AC Specials. Luxury segment tourism packages include Maharajas Express, Deccan Odyssey, Palace on Wheels and Golden Chariot trains which are connecting major tourist destinations of the country.

During the last three years, the different segments of tourist trains operated are as under:

Trains	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (upto January 2021)
Bharat Darshan/Aastha Circuit trains	99	92	06
Luxury Tourist Trains	93	74	NIL
Buddhist Special Trains	08	06	NIL
State Special Trains	170	68	NIL
AC Tourist Trains	04	08	01

Planning of new trains is an ongoing process depending upon the market demand and operational feasibility.

(e): Does not arise.
