

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2877  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2021**

**TRAINS TO KURUKSHETRA**

**†2877. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to connect newly identified religious heritage sites by train for the convenience of pilgrims;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government is planning to connect Kurukshetra Parliamentary Constituency with newly announced pilgrimage site Soran by any train for the convenience of devotees and to promote transport connectivity;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) if not, whether the Government has any plans to connect the said sites by new special trains to improve to such heritage sites and to develop tourism; and**
- (f) if so, the details in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (f) Indian Railways, through Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), operates various tourist trains such as Bharat Darshan/Aastha Circuit Tourist, Pilgrim Tourist Trains, State Special Tourist Trains, Deluxe Tourist Trains, Buddhist Circuit Trains, and Luxury Tourist Trains which are connecting major historical cities/tourist places of the country. The itineraries/destinations covered are planned by IRCTC based on market demand and is a dynamic process. This is an ongoing process. However, at present, there is no proposal for additional services from Kurukshetra for pilgrim site(s). Besides, introduction of new train services on Indian Railway is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility and traffic justification.**

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