

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1184
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2022**

TOURIST CIRCUIT TRAINS

†1184. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to run a tourist circuit train in the Northeastern States of the country;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government also proposes to run a tourist circuit train in Gujarat; and**
- (c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(a) to (c) : Tourist Circuit Trains viz. Bharat Darshan Trains, Pilgrim Special Trains and AC Deluxe Trains are operated by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) from time to time on different themes and itineraries across the country. Trips are planned based on passenger demand. So far, 3 tourist circuit trains covering destinations in the Northeastern States have already been run by IRCTC.

IRCTC has already run 43 trips of tourist circuit trains covering several destinations in the state of Gujarat over the last three years.

Further, Railways have issued the 'Bharat Gaurav Trains' policy, vide Commercial Circular No. 14 of 2021 for all tourist circuit trains. Under this policy, State Governments, State Tourist Development Corporations or any other potential service providers may run tourist circuit trains through any region as per their choice, including in Gujarat.
