

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 480
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022**

INDO-NEPAL BHARAT GAURAV TOURIST TRAINS

480. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Railways has flagged off Bharat Gaurav Tourist Trains connecting India and Nepal;**
- (b) if so, the details along with the response and future prospects thereof;**
- (c) whether the Railways has also proposed to run Krishna Circuit, Buddhist Circuit and other circuit trains;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor ?**

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) : Yes, Sir. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC) operated the Bharat Gaurav tourist circuit train with a Ramayana theme- based itinerary departing from Delhi on 21.6.2022 covering Nepal with the following itinerary:

Delhi Safdarjung-Ayodhya-Buxar-Janakpur (Nepal)-Varanasi-Nasik-Hospet-Rameshwaram- Kanchipuram-Bhadrachalam Road-Delhi Safdarjung.

499 passengers availed this trip.

The Bharat Gaurav Train policy gives full flexibility to the service provider to decide on themes and routes. IRCTC has also launched the Ramayana theme circuit w.e.f 24.8.2022 departing from Delhi and covering Nepal.

(c) to (e) : No, Sir. Indian Railways have issued the 'Bharat Gaurav Trains' policy with the objective to showcase India's rich cultural heritage and magnificent historical places to the people of India and the world through Bharat Gaurav Trains. These are theme based tourist circuit trains. Under this policy, Railways does not propose routes or circuits; instead, service providers have full flexibility to decide the themes/itineraries for operation of Bharat Gaurav tourist circuit trains which may include any theme-based tourist circuit to be decided by the service providers.

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