

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 338  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

**DISCONTINUATION OF TRAINS BETWEEN RAJGIR AND HOWRAH**

**†338. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether Rajgir-Howrah fast passenger train (5304/44) running between Rajgir and Howrah before Covid-19 has been discontinued;**
- (b) whether Rajgir-Howrah fast passenger train was the means of traveling for the Buddhists, the followers of Jainism and tourists coming to the tourist spots at Nalanda in large number and are facing problems due to discontinuation of the said train;**
- (c) whether large number of devotees in and around Nalanda used to reach at Deogharh Baba Bholenath situated in Jharkhand by the said fast passenger train for Darshan; and**
- (d) if so, the time by which Rajgir-Howrah fast passenger train is likely to be made operational and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (d) Presently, Rajgir is connected to Bakhtiyarpur by 08 pairs of train services which in turn is connected to Kolkata by 09 pairs of train services and to Deoghar/Jasidih by 18 pairs of train services. Besides, introduction of trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc.**

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