GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1477 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024

MAIL EXPRESS TRAINS FROM BALIA RAILWAY STATION

†1477. SHRI SANATAN PANDEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total numbers of the trains being run from Balia Railway Station to other cities of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that thousands of passengers board the trains from Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Junction by travelling from Balia for their onward journey;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to run the Mail/Express trains from Balia Railway Station to other cities of the country in view of public interest;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) Presently, Ballia is served by 50 Pairs of trains, including 7 pairs of regular trains originating from/terminating at Ballia. These services provide connectivity to important destinations like New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, etc. Besides, to cater to the needs of passengers of Ballia station, 2 pairs of trains viz. 12581/82 Manduadih-New Delhi Express (w.e.f 30-01-2024) and 11071/72 Lokmanya Tilak(T)- Varanasi Express (w.e.f 10-12-2023) have been extended to Ballia. Further, introduction of new train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways, subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource constraints, etc.
