

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1657
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2025**

TRAIN FROM AYODHYA DHAM TO DELHI

†1657. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has conducted any survey regarding the operation of an air-conditioned express train from Ayodhya Dham Junction, Uttar Pradesh, to Delhi/New Delhi via Lucknow via Balamau Junction to the ancient pilgrimage sites of Naimisharanya, Misrikh and Sitapur City Railway Station;

(b) if so, the timeline by when the air-conditioned express train is likely to be operated from Ayodhya Dham Junction to Delhi/New Delhi connecting the said pilgrimage sites in public interest; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) To facilitate the passengers of Delhi-Lucknow-Ayodhya sector, 22425/22426 Ayodhya Cantt. - Anand Vihar (T) Vande Bharat Express (fully AC chair car coaches) have been introduced w.e.f 04.01.2024, which is in addition to 8 pairs of train services which are also having AC accommodation in their composition. Moreover, 15557/15558 Darbhanga-Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express also serves the said sector.

Balamau and Sitapur are presently served by 17 pairs and 26 pairs of train services respectively while Naimisharanya is served by 02 pairs of train services, connecting it to Sitapur/Balamau.

Besides, introduction of new trains on any route/section depends on various factors which include:

- Capacity of that section**
- Availability of path**
- Availability of required rolling stock**
- Availability of matching infrastructure for rolling stock**
- Maintenance requirement of railway tracks and other assets.**
