

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1763
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2025**

INADEQUATE RAIL SERVICE FOR PILGRIMS

†1763. SHRI TRIVENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the pilgrims are facing difficulties due to non-availability of adequate train services from Uttarakhand to major pilgrimage destinations such as Ganga, Kashi, Gaya, Puri and Gangasagar;

(b) the number of trains presently operating directly or indirectly from Uttarakhand to the Ganga riverfront cities and Gangasagar pilgrimage;

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce new express or special pilgrim trains from Uttarakhand to Haridwar, Rishikesh, Dehradun, Kashi, Patna and Haldia/Kolkata (Gangasagar route) for the convenience of pilgrims; and

(d) if so, the proposed routes, frequency, expected commencement dates and the steps being taken for coordination with the State Government for these proposed trains?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) As the railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. At present, Dehradun/Haridwar is connected to cities like

Varanasi (by 03 pairs), Gaya (by 01 pair), Puri (by 01 pair), Patna (by 02 pairs) and Kolkata (by 03 pairs) etc.

Presently, Haridwar is served by 88 train services while Dehradun stations is served by 36 train services as under:

Trains serving Haridwar station:

Sl.	Train No.	Train Name
1	22457/22458	Anand Vihar (T) – Dehradun Vande Bharat Express
2	22545/22546	Lucknow – Dehradun Vande Bharat Express
3	12017/12018	New Delhi – Dehradun Shatabdi Express
4	12053/12054	Haridwar – Amritsar Jan Shatabdi Express
5	12055/12056	New Delhi – Dehradun Jan Shatabdi Express
6	12091/12092	Dehradun – Kathgodam Jan Shatabdi Express
7	12171/12172	Lokmanya Tilak (T) – Haridwar Express
8	12327/12328	Howrah – Dehradun Upasana Express
9	12369/12370	Howrah – Dehradun Kumbh Express
10	12401/12402	Kota – Dehradun Nanda Devi Express
11	12911/12912	Valsad – Haridwar Express
12	13009/13010	Howrah – Yog Nagari Rishikesh Doon Express
13	14041/14042	Delhi – Dehradun Mussoorie Express
14	14113/14114	Subedarganj – Dehradun Express
15	14119/14120	Kathgodam – Dehradun Express
16	14229/14230	Prayagraj Sangam – Yog Nagri Rishikesh Express
17	14303/14304	Delhi – Haridwar Express

18	14305/14306	Delhi – Haridwar Express
19	14309/14310	Laxmi Bai Nagar - Yog Nagari Rishikesh Express
20	14317/14318	Laxmi Bai Nagar - Yog Nagari Rishikesh Express
21	14605/14606	Yog Nagari Rishikesh – Jammu Tawi Express
22	14609/14610	Yog Nagari Rishikesh - SMVD Katra Express
23	14625/14626	Haridwar – Firozpur Cantt. Express
24	14631/14632	Dehradun – Amritsar Express
25	14717/14718	Bikaner – Haridwar Express
26	14815/14816	Shri Ganganagar – Rishikesh Express
27	14887/14888	Rishikesh – Barmer Express
28	15001/15002	Muzaffarpur – Dehradun Express
29	15005/15006	Gorakhpur – Dehradun Express
30	15019/15020	Dehradun – Tanakpur Express
31	15119/15120	Banaras – Dehradun Express
32	18477/18478	Puri – Yog Nagari Rishikesh Express
33	19019/19020	Bandra (T) – Haridwar Express
34	19031/19032	Sabarmati – Yog Nagari Rishikesh Express
35	19271/19272	Bhavnagar (T) – Haridwar Express
36	19565/19566	Okha – Dehradun Express
37	19609/19610	Udaipur City – Yog Nagari Rishikesh Express
38	22659/22660	Thiruvananthapuram North – Yog Nagari Rishikesh Express
39	22917/22918	Bandra (T) – Haridwar Express

40	54341/54342	Saharanpur – Dehradun Passenger
41	54463/54464	Chandausi – Rishikesh Passenger
42	54481/54482	Haridwar – Rishikesh Passenger
43	54483/54484	Haridwar – Rishikesh Passenger
44	64511/64512	Haridwar – Amb Andaura MEMU

Trains serving Dehradun station:

Sl.	Train No.	Train Name
1	22457/22458	Anand Vihar (T) – Dehradun Vande Bharat Express
2	22545/22546	Lucknow – Dehradun Vande Bharat Express
3	12017/12018	New Delhi – Dehradun Shatabdi Express
4	12055/12056	Dehradun – New Delhi Jan Shatabdi Express
5	12091/12092	Dehradun – Kathgodam Jan Shatabdi Express
6	12327/12328	Howrah – Dehradun Upasana Express
7	12369/12370	Howrah – Dehradun Kumbha Express
8	12401/12402	Kota – Dehradun Nanda Devi Express
9	14041/14042	Delhi – Dehradun Mussoorie Express
10	14113/14114	Subedarganj – Dehradun Express
11	14119/14120	Kathgodam – Dehradun Express
12	14631/14632	Dehradun – Amritsar Express
13	15001/15002	Muzaffarpur – Dehradun Express
14	15005/15006	Gorakhpur – Dehradun Express
15	15019/15020	Dehradun – Tanakpur Express
16	15119/15120	Banaras – Dehradun Express

17	19565/19566	Okha – Dehradun Uttaranchal Express
18	54341/54342	Saharanpur – Dehradun Passenger

Further, in addition to regular services, Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification etc., also operate Special trains to cater extra rush of passengers during festivals, holidays, religious congregations etc.

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**

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