

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2944
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2025**

TRAIN CONNECTIVITY FROM DIGHA RAILWAY STATION

2944. SHRI ADHIKARI SOUMENDU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is extending railway connectivity passenger network across the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of proposals and places to connect Digha Railway Station in West Bengal near future till 2030;**
- (c) the details of the proposal to connect regular passenger train services between Digha-Bhubaneswar, Digha-Asansol-Burdwan and biweekly services of Digha-Puri therein; and**
- (d) whether the Government intends to review the said proposal and prepare a project investigation report for the benefits at large for the people and patients of Contai and other tourists/pilgrims and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Indian Railways(IR) constantly endeavours to cater to the needs of passenger by introducing more trains on its network. Accordingly, to cater to the needs of passengers, IR, during 2025-26 (upto November, 2025), has introduced more than 200 train services which includes 28 Vande Bharat services, 26 Amrit Bharat Express and 02 Namo Bharat Rapid Rail. IR has also extended about 100 services during the same period.

Besides, in its constant endeavour to provide additional accommodation to travelling passengers, IR also operates Special train services during festivals, holidays, etc. to cater to the extra needs of passengers and supplement the accommodation available by regular services. In addition to the above, the load of trains are also augmented, both on a permanent and temporary basis, to generate additional accommodation for different segments of passengers.

Accordingly, on the Indian Railways(IR) network, during Year 2025-26 (till November, 2025), about 60,000 special trains have been operated and more than 700 coaches have been utilized for augmentation of train services on a permanent basis.

Presently, Digha is served by 24 train services (listed below) which include 02 pairs of trains viz. 22873/22874 Digha-Vishakapatnam Express and 22889/22890 Digha-Puri Express connecting it to Bhubaneswar and 01 pair of train viz. 22889/22890 Digha-Puri Express connecting it to Puri. Digha is connected to Kolkata by 03 pairs of train services while Kolkata is connected to Bardhaman, Bhubaneswar and Puri by 75 pairs, 38 pairs and 11 pairs of Mail/Express services respectively.

SN	Train No. and Name
1	22890 Puri – Digha Express
2	22874 Visakhapatnam – Digha Express
3	12857 Howrah – Digha Tamralipta Express
4	12858 Digha – Howrah Tamralipta Express
5	15722 New Jalpaiguri – Digha Paharia Express
6	13506 Asansol – Digha Express
7	13505 Digha – Asansol Express
8	15721 Digha – New Jalpaiguri Paharia Express
9	22889 Digha – Puri Express

10	22873 Digha – Visakhapatnam Express
11	22897 Howrah – Digha Kandari Express
12	22898 Digha – Howrah Kandari Express
13	13418 Malda Town – Digha Express
14	13417 Digha – Malda Town Express
15	68114 Digha – Panskura EMU
16	68116 Digha – Panskura MEMU
17	08117 Panskura – Digha EMU Special
18	08118 Digha – Panskura EMU Special
19	68113 Mecheda – Digha EMU
20	68118 Digha – Mecheda EMU
21	68119 Panskura – Digha EMU
22	68120 Digha – Panskura EMU
23	68115 Panskura – Digha MEMU
24	68117 Panskura – Digha EMU

The 24 train services listed above, also serve Kanthi (Contai) station and provide connectivity to Digha, Kolkata, Visakhapatnam, Puri etc.

Besides, introduction of new train services on any route/section, which is an on-going process, 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 asset**
