

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2008  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2026**

**BHARAT GAURAV TRAINS**

**2008. SHRI THARANIVENTHAN M S:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the impact of Bharat Gaurav Trains on cultural awareness, domestic tourism and socio-economic development in the regions covered by these trains and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of routes operated from or passing through Tamil Nadu along with passenger numbers and revenue generated during the last three years;**
- (c) whether any studies have been undertaken to evaluate the benefits of Bharat Gaurav trains to local artisans, small businesses, homestays and tourism-dependent communities and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to expand Bharat Gaurav services to showcase Tamil Nadu's cultural heritage, temple architecture, classical arts and pilgrimage circuits and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the details of the steps taken to ensure that the scheme promotes inclusive, sustainable and locally beneficial tourism rather than being limited to private sector interests?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
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**(a) to (e): Indian Railways have issued 'Bharat Gaurav Trains' policy in November' 2021, under which theme based tourist circuit trains are being run with the objective to showcase India's rich cultural heritage and magnificent historical places to the people of India and the world. As per this policy, service providers have full flexibility to decide the themes/itineraries for operation of Bharat Gaurav tourist circuit trains,**

which may include tourist circuits of any part of India including the state of Tamil Nadu, based on market demand, commercial viability etc. The Service Provider offers a comprehensive package with facility of rail transportation, accommodation, meals, local road transport, sightseeing etc. Hence, the scheme promotes the benefits to the local community leading to sustainable tourism development at the tourist destinations.

**Bharat Gaurav Trains cover various tourist destinations in Tamil Nadu including Chennai, Coimbatore, Kanchipuram, Mahabalipuram, Rameswaram, Tiruchirappalli, Thanjavur, Madurai, Kanyakumari, Thiruvannamalai etc. As on 31.12.2025, 206 trips of Bharat Gaurav Trains have been operated covering various tourist destinations in Tamil Nadu, facilitating 1,18,646 tourists. These tourists have extensively utilised local services such as road transportation, hotels, restaurants, food outlets, handicraft shops and other amenities thereby having a positive impact on the growth of the local economy in the state.**

**Bharat Gaurav tourist circuit trains covering various tourist destinations including those in Tamil Nadu are as under:**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Bharat Gaurav Tourist Circuit Trains</b>	<b>Tourist destinations covered</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Shirdi Sai Temple Yatra</b>	<b>Coimbatore -Tiruppur- Erode - Salem -Bangalore- Mantralayam- Shirdi and back</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Shri Ramayana Yatra</b>	<b>New Delhi - Ayodhya - Sitamarhi - Janakpur (Nepal) - Buxar - Varanasi - Prayagraj - Chitrakoot - Nasik - Hampi - Rameswaram - Kanchipuram - Bhadrachalam - Delhi Safdarjung</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Divya Kashi- Adi Amavasya Special</b>	<b>Madurai - Chennai-Vijayawada- Puri- Kolkata- Gaya- Varanasi- Prayagraj- Vijayawada- Chennai- Madurai</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Onam Holiday Special/Frontier Holiday Special</b>	<b>Madurai - Mysore-Hosapete- Hyderabad- Aurangabad-</b>

		<b>Kevadia/Ekta Nagar- Madgaon- Madurai</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Mahalaya Amavasya Special</b>	<b>Madurai- Prayagraj- Gaya- Varanasi- Ayodhya- Naimisharanya Road- Haridwar- Delhi Safdarjung- Mathura- Jhansi- Madurai</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Sampoorna Yatra</b>	<b>Madurai - Chennai- Secunderabad - Manikpur - Prayagraj - Ayodhya - Varanasi - Gaya - Puri - Rameshwaram - Madurai - Chennai- Secunderabad</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Shakti Peeth Special</b>	<b>Madurai - Prayagraj - Varanasi - Gaya - Kamakhya - Kolkata - Puri - Madurai</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Maha Shivaratri Special –Kashi Yatra</b>	<b>Coimbatore - Secunderabad - Prayagraj - Ayodhya - Gaya - Varanasi - Coimbatore</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Masi Magam Special Nava Jyotirlinga Yatra</b>	<b>Madurai - Ujjain - Somnath - Nasik Road - Aurangabad - Nanded - Parli - Srisailam - Madurai</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Sri Rameswaram-Tirupati Dakshin Darshan Yatra</b>	<b>Mumbai(CSMT) - Mysuru - Bangalore - Kanyakumari - Thiruvananthapuram - Rameswaram - Madurai - Tirupati - Mumbai(CSMT)</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Dakshin Bharat Yatra</b>	<b>Sikar - Rameswaram - Madurai</b>

		- <b>Kanyakumari - Tirupati - Mallikarjuna Srisailam - Sikar</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Sri Athi Rudra Maha Yagnam Special Saptha Jyotirlinga Yathra</b>	<b>Coimbatore -Ujjain - Somnath - Nashik Road - Aurangabad - Nanded - Kurnool - Coimbatore</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Goa Summer Special</b>	<b>Madurai - Madgaon - Madurai</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Kashmir Valley Special</b>	<b>Coimbatore - Udhampur - By Road to Srinagar, Sonmarg to Gulmarg - Amritsar - Agra - Coimbatore</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Divya Kshetradanam</b>	<b>Nagercoil Jn - Puri - Kolkata - Gaya - Varanasi - Prayagraj - Nagercoil Jn</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Rameswaram Madurai Tour</b>	<b>Bhagat Ki Kothi - Rameswaram - Madurai - Bhagat Ki Kothi</b>
<b>17.</b>	<b>Chennai-Madurai-Tour</b>	<b>Chennai - Madurai - Chennai</b>
<b>18.</b>	<b>Char Dham Yatra</b>	<b>Delhi - Rishikesh - Joshimath - Badrinath - Varanasi - Puri - Rameswaram - Madurai - Hampi - Nashik - Dwarka - Delhi</b>
<b>19.</b>	<b>Splendors of Deccan</b>	<b>Madurai - Aurangabad (Ellora &amp; Ajanta) - Mumbai - Madgaon - Madurai</b>
<b>20.</b>	<b>Diwali Ganga Snan Yathirai</b>	<b>Tenkasi - Prayagraj - Varanasi - Gaya - Rameswaram - Tenkasi</b>
<b>21.</b>	<b>Royal Rajasthan with Goa and Statue of Unity</b>	<b>Coimbatore - Madgaon - Jodhpur - Jaisalmer - Bikaner - Jaipur - Ajmer - Udaipur - Ekta</b>

		<b>Nagar - Coimbatore</b>
<b>22.</b>	<b>Jain Yatra</b>	<b>Chennai - Palitana - Chennai</b>
<b>23.</b>	<b>Shri Ram Kalyana Yathra in Ayodhya with Nava Shakthi Peeth Yathra</b>	<b>Coimbatore - Puri - Jajpur- Gaya - Varanasi - Ayodhya - Katra - Mathura- Ujjain - Coimbatore</b>
<b>24.</b>	<b>Chengalpattu-Prayagraj-Varanasi- Chengalpattu</b>	<b>Chengalpattu - Prayagraj - Varanasi - Chengalpattu</b>
<b>25.</b>	<b>Thanjavur-Secunderabad- Thanjavur</b>	<b>Thanjavur- Secunderabad - Thanjavur</b>
<b>26.</b>	<b>Kashi Rameswaram Teerthdanam Special with Ayodhya</b>	<b>Coimbatore - Gaya - Varanasi - Ayodhya - Prayagraj - Coimbatore</b>
<b>27.</b>	<b>Narmada Pushkaram Special</b>	<b>Chennai - Jabalpur - Prayagraj - Varanasi - Ayodhya - Ujjain - Chennai</b>
<b>28.</b>	<b>Paradise on Earth</b>	<b>Coimbatore - Agra - Mathura - Delhi - Katra - Amritsar - Agra - Coimbatore</b>
<b>29.</b>	<b>Punya Tirtha Yatirai</b>	<b>Tirunelveli - Ayodhya - Prayagraj - Varanasi - Gaya - Tirunelveli</b>
<b>30.</b>	<b>Kedar-Badri-Kartik (Murugan) Koil Yathirai</b>	<b>Madurai - Rishikesh - Rudraprayag - Guptkashi - Kedarnath - Joshimath - Badrinath - Madurai</b>
<b>31.</b>	<b>Uttar Darshan Yatra</b>	<b>Coimbatore - Agra - Delhi - Amritsar - Haridwar - Ayodhya - Varanasi - Gaya - Prayagraj -</b>

		<b>Coimbatore</b>
<b>32.</b>	<b>Mahalaya Paksha- Moksha Sthala Yatra</b>	<b>Madurai - Prayagraj - Varanasi - Ayodhya - Mathura - Ujjain - Somnath - Dwarka - Siddhpur - Madurai</b>
<b>33.</b>	<b>Swami Udit Chaitanya's Yathra</b>	<b>Madurai - Mathura - Ayodhya - Varanasi - Prayagraj - Madurai</b>
<b>34.</b>	<b>Maragasira Masam Special</b>	<b>Chennai - Hosapete - Hassan (Kollur &amp; Udupi) - Mysuru - Chennai</b>
<b>35.</b>	<b>Royal Rajasthan</b>	<b>Madurai - Madgaon - Ahemadabad - Jodhpur - Jaisalmer - Jaipur - Ajmer - Udaipur - Ekta Nagar - Madurai</b>
<b>36.</b>	<b>Pravasi Bhartiya Yatra</b>	<b>Delhi - Ayodhya - Varanasi - Patna - Gaya - Chennai - Rameswaram - Madurai - Ernakulam - Madgaon - Ekta Nagar - Ajmer - Agra - Delhi</b>
<b>37.</b>	<b>Thai Amavasai</b>	<b>Madurai - Puri - Kolkata - Gaya - Varanasi - Ayodhya - Prayagraj - Madurai</b>
<b>38.</b>	<b>Maha Kumbh Punya Kshetra Yatra</b>	<b>Tirunelveli - Prayagraj - Varanasi - Ayodhya - Tirunelveli</b>
<b>39.</b>	<b>Vasavi Kanyaka Parameswari Darshan</b>	<b>Salem - Tanuku (Penugonda) - Salem</b>
<b>40.</b>	<b>Sri Kshetra Daiva Kalyanotsavam</b>	<b>Chennai - Prayagraj - Varanasi - Janakpur - Sitamarhi - Ayodhya</b>

		- Naimisharanya - Vrindavan - Mathura - Chennai
41.	07 Jyotirlinga Yatra	Madurai-Ujjain- Somnath/Veraval-Nashik- Aurangabad-Nanded-Prabhani- Parli-Markapur/Srisailam- Madurai
42.	State Teerth Bharat Gaurav Trains	Jaipur-Rameswaram-Jaipur

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