

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.187
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.02.2016**

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIMHASTA KUMBH MELA AT UJJAIN

†187. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the additional special arrangements made for the convenience of pilgrims at Ujjain and all rail routes leading to Ujjain for Simhastha Kumbh Mela to be organised at Ujjain in the beginning of 2016;**
- (b) the names of the stations at which these special arrangements have been made along with the details thereof; and**
- (c) the details of the additional trains to be operated for the said purpose?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 187 BY SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.02.2016 REGARDING SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIMHASTA KUMBH MELA AT UJJAIN.

(a) & (b) : In view of the importance and based upon the anticipated volume and pattern of rail traffic during the forthcoming Kumbh Mela in 2016, the following passenger amenities at Ujjain Railway Station and adjoining satellite stations such as Nagda, Vikramnagar, Shipra Bridge, Fatehabad, Naikheri, Chintaman Ganesh, Pingleshwar, Indore, Ratlam, Pawasa, Mohanpura etc. have been sanctioned at various stations. Some of the approved works have been completed and some are in different stages of progress.

1. Ujjain Railway Station

(i) The following works have been completed:

- * Improvement to shelter at Platform (PF) No.2/3 & 6/7**
- * Raising of platform Nos. 1, 2/3 & 4/5**
- * Improvement to circulating area**
- * Development of sitting space with shed at Nagda end on platform No.1**
- * Additional Foot Over Bridge (FOB) at Bhopal end**
- * Extension of existing FOB at Nagda end**
- * Additional entry and development of circulating area at Neel Ganga Colony side**

(ii) The following works have been taken up:

- * Provision of out to out FOB**
- * Augmentation of drinking water arrangements**
- * Provision of Multiline train arrival/departure display board**

2. Vikram Nagar Railway Station

The following works have been completed :

- * Augmentation of drinking water arrangements & toilet facilities**
- * Improvement to circulating area**

3. Works for Provision of temporary halt stations at Pawasa & Mohanpura have been taken up.

4. Nagda Railway Station

The following works have been taken up:

- * **Replacement of interconnecting FOB at Kota end.**
- * **Provision of Multiline train arrival/departure display board**
- * **Raising of platform level from medium to high level & extension of covered shed on Platform No.4/5.**

5. Indore Railway Station

The following work has been taken up:

- * **Provision of Multiline train arrival/departure display board**

In addition, provision of additional facilities namely drinking water taps and toilets have been completed at Naikheri and Pingleshwar stations.

Further, additional ticket booking counters are proposed to be operated as under:

Station	Location	No. of Book- ing counters proposed	Temporary ad- ditional Book- ing counters proposed	Total coun- ters pro- posed to be operated
Ujjain	Main Entry	9	11	20
	Socond Entry	4	6	10
	Freeganj side	5	4	9
	Mohanpura	0	2	2
	Mahakal	0	2	2
	Datt ka Akhada	0	2	2
	Pawasa Gaon	0	2	2
Maksi	Platform No.1	1	1	2
Nagda	Main side	3	1	4
Nadgda	Birla Gram Side	1	1	2
Fatehabad	Main Side	2	0	2
Indore	MG Side	5	1	6
Omkareshwar	PF No.1	3	1	4

Vikramnagar	PF No.1	1	1	2
Naikheri	PF No.1	1	1	2
Pingleshwar	PF No.1	1	1	2
Sujalpur	City Side	3	0	3
Ratlam	Rly colony side	3	0	3
Mandsaur	PF No.1	3	0	3
	Total	45	36	81

In the wake of Simhastha Kumbh Mela 2016, in addition to security arrangement to be made by GRP and district administration, station-wise additional RPF deployment planned by security department in Ratlam Division of Western Railway is as under:

Duty Beat	Omkareshwar	Mhow	Indore	Dewas	Nagda	Ratlam	Maski	Ujjain (3 shifts)
Total	21	13	12	5	13	13	10	1137

(c) Based on previous experience, for catering to the huge influx of pilgrims expected during Maha Kumbh Simhastha at Ujjain to be held in 2016, many of whom are expected through rail mode, Indian Railways, to the extent feasible and justified, makes provisions for the running of special trains from various part of the country. Deployment of DEMU/MEMU rakes for short distance movements of pilgrims and augmenting the load of existing regular trains also undertaken to increase the throughput of passengers. In addition the security apparatus needed for handling the peak traffic is also reinforced in close coordination with civil authorities.
