

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2967
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2026**

BHARAT GAURAV TRAINS

2967. 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 how Bharat Gaurav trains have benefited 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
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

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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 31.03.2026, 226 trips of Bharat Gaurav Trains have been operated covering various tourist destinations in Tamil Nadu, facilitating 1,33,165 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:

S.No	Bharat Gaurav Tourist Circuit Trains	Tourist destinations covered
1.	Shirdi Sai Temple Yatra	Coimbatore - Tiruppur - Erode - Salem - Bangalore - Mantralayam - Shirdi and back

2.	Shri Ramayana Yatra	New Delhi - Ayodhya - Sitamarhi - Janakpur (Nepal) - Buxar - Varanasi - Prayagraj - Chitrakoot - Nasik - Hampi - Rameswaram - Kanchipuram - Bhadrachalam - Delhi Safdarjung
3.	Divya Kashi- Adi Amavasya Special	Madurai - Chennai- Vijayawada- Puri - Kolkata- Gaya - Varanasi - Prayagraj- Vijayawada- Chennai - Madurai
4.	Onam Holiday Special/Frontier Holiday Special	Madurai - Mysore-Hosapete- Hyderabad- Aurangabad- Kevadia/Ekta Nagar- Madgaon- Madurai
5.	Mahalaya Amavasya Special	Madurai – Prayagraj - Gaya- Varanasi – Ayodhya - Naimisharanya Road - Haridwar - Delhi Safdarjung- Mathura – Jhansi - Madurai
6.	Sampoorna Yatra	Madurai - Chennai- Secunderabad - Manikpur - Prayagraj - Ayodhya - Varanasi - Gaya - Puri - Rameshwaram - Madurai – Chennai - Secunderabad

7.	Shakti Peeth Special	Madurai - Prayagraj - Varanasi - Gaya - Kamakhya - Kolkata - Puri - Madurai
8.	Maha Shivaratri Special –Kashi Yatra	Coimbatore - Secunderabad - Prayagraj - Ayodhya - Gaya - Varanasi - Coimbatore
9.	Masi Magam Special Nava Jyotirlinga Yatra	Madurai - Ujjain - Somnath - Nasik Road - Aurangabad - Nanded - Parli - Srisailam - Madurai
10.	Sri Rameswaram-Tirupati Dakshin Darshan Yatra	Mumbai(CSMT) - Mysuru - Bangalore - Kanyakumari - Thiruvananthapuram - Rameswaram - Madurai - Tirupati - Mumbai(CSMT)
11.	Dakshin Bharat Yatra	Sikar - Rameswaram - Madurai - Kanyakumari - Tirupati - Mallikarjuna Srisailam - Sikar
12.	Sri Athi Rudra Maha Yagnam Special Saptha Jyotirlinga Yathra	Coimbatore - Ujjain - Somnath - Nashik Road - Aurangabad - Nanded - Kurnool - Coimbatore
13.	Goa Summer Special	Madurai - Madgaon - Madurai

14.	Kashmir Valley Special	Coimbatore - Udhampur - By Road to Srinagar, Sonmarg to Gulmarg - Amritsar - Agra - Coimbatore
15.	Divya Kshetradanam	Nagercoil Jn - Puri - Kolkata - Gaya - Varanasi - Prayagraj - Nagercoil Jn
16.	Rameswaram Madurai Tour	Bhagat Ki Kothi - Rameswaram - Madurai - Bhagat Ki Kothi
17.	Chennai-Madurai Tour	Chennai - Madurai - Chennai
18.	Char Dham Yatra	Delhi - Rishikesh - Joshimath - Badrinath - Varanasi - Puri - Rameswaram - Madurai - Hampi - Nashik - Dwarka - Delhi
19.	Splendors of Deccan	Madurai - Aurangabad (Ellora & Ajanta) - Mumbai - Madgaon - Madurai
20.	Diwali Ganga Snan Yathirai	Tenkasi - Prayagraj - Varanasi - Gaya - Rameswaram - Tenkasi
21.	Royal Rajasthan with Goa and Statue of Unity	Coimbatore - Madgaon - Jodhpur - Jaisalmer - Bikaner - Jaipur - Ajmer - Udaipur - Ekta Nagar - Coimbatore

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

31.	Uttar Darshan Yatra	Coimbatore - Agra - Delhi - Amritsar - Haridwar - Ayodhya - Varanasi - Gaya - Prayagraj - Coimbatore
32.	Mahalaya Paksha- Moksha Sthala Yatra	Madurai - Prayagraj - Varanasi - Ayodhya - Mathura - Ujjain - Somnath - Dwarka - Siddhpur - Madurai
33.	Swami Udit Chaitanya's Yathra	Madurai - Mathura - Ayodhya - Varanasi - Prayagraj - Madurai
34.	Maragasira Masam Special	Chennai - Hosapete - Hassan (Kollur & Udupi) - Mysuru - Chennai
35.	Royal Rajasthan	Madurai - Madgaon - Ahemadabad - Jodhpur - Jaisalmer - Jaipur - Ajmer - Udaipur - Ekta Nagar - Madurai
36.	Pravasi Bhartiya Yatra	Delhi - Ayodhya - Varanasi - Patna - Gaya - Chennai - Rameswaram - Madurai - Ernakulam - Madgaon - Ekta Nagar - Ajmer - Agra - Delhi

37.	Thai Amavasai	Madurai - Puri - Kolkata - Gaya - Varanasi - Ayodhya - Prayagraj - Madurai
38.	Maha Kumbh Punya Kshetra Yatra	Tirunelveli - Prayagraj - Varanasi - Ayodhya - Tirunelveli
39.	Vasavi Kanyaka Parameswari Darshan	Salem - Tanuku (Penugonda) - Salem
40.	Sri Kshetra Daiva Kalyanotsavam	Chennai - Prayagraj - Varanasi - Janakpur - Sitamarhi - Ayodhya - 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
