

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 597  
ANSWERED ON 23.07.2021

**TRAIN CONNECTIVITY TO JAGANNATH PURI**

597 # SHRI BRIJLAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no direct train service for people of Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh and nearby districts to reach one of the four main Dhams of the country 'Jagannath Puri' and people here have to go through transshipment procedure to reach 'Jagannath Puri' which results in wastage of time and money;
- (b) whether there is any plan under consideration for direct train from Gorakhpur to 'Jagannath Puri'; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) Indian Railways constantly endeavours to provide direct connectivity between important stations, which at times may not be available owing to operational constraints, resource availability, commercial justification etc. In the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic situation and owing to operational constraints, at present, there is no proposal for introduction of direct train between Gorakhpur and Puri. However, introduction of new train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways.

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