

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 589
ANSWERED ON 29.11.2024

**RAILWAY CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN PURI SHREE JAGANNATH DHAM AND
OTHER THREE DHAMS**

589 SHRI SUBHASISH KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any plan of Government to connect Puri to other three dhams (Badrinath, Rameshwaram, Dwarka), through railway;
- (b) if so, by when it will be executed; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(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. 589 BY SHRI SUBHASISH KHUNTIA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 29.11.2024 REGARDING RAILWAY CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN PURI SHREE JAGANNATH DHAM AND OTHER THREE DHAMS

(a) to (c): Puri is already connected to Rameshwaram and Dwarka through Broad Gauge route on Indian Railway network.

Badrinath Dham falls in high altitude Himalayas and presently it can be reached by road from Haridwar/ Rishikesh. Haridwar is well connected to major cities of India including Puri through railway network. Further, to improve rail connectivity in higher regions of Uttarakhand, Indian Railways has taken up challenging work of construction of New Line from Rishikesh to Karnprayag in very difficult terrain of young Himalayas.

The new Railway line project from Rishikesh to Karnprayag (125 Km) involves construction of 105 Km tunnels, out of which about 89 Km tunneling has been completed. The works are progressing at a fast pace and stack up to best international standards.
