

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.82
ANSWERED ON 18.07.2022**

CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN TOURIST PLACES

82. SHRI B.B.PATIL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether good connectivity between tourist places and main cities, towns and villages by way of improved railways, road transport is likely to go a long way in boosting tourism industry in the country and generating employment for the youth and local people;**
- (b) if so, the initiatives taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): Ministry of Tourism (MoT) has been seeking support of Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) to improve the road connectivity to the important tourist destinations. In this regard, Ministry of Tourism in consultation with State Governments and UT Administrations had prepared two lists i.e. first list of 50 destinations and second list of 114 destinations and subsequently shared these two lists with MoRTH. Ministry of Tourism has also taken up the matter with Border Roads Organization for improvement of Border Roads.

Ministry of Tourism has also taken up the matter with Ministry of Railways for better rail connectivity. Ministry of Railways has informed that 'Bharat Darshan Trains' run on theme based tourism

circuits such as Ramayana Circuit, Jyotirling Circuit, Buddhist Circuits etc. Further, Railways have also informed that they have launched 'Bharat Gaurav Trains' (Theme based Tourist Circuit Trains) to showcase India's rich cultural heritage and magnificent historical places.

A Task Force has been constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary (Tourism), which includes representatives of Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Road Transport & Highways among other concerned Ministries/ Departments.
