GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3889 ANSWERED ON:17.08.2000 TOURIST TRAINS SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sectors where the tourist trains are running at present in the country along with the name of the party to whom the sectors have been awarded;
- (b) the total turnover of these parties running the tourist trains;
- (c) the percentage being paid to Indian Railways on turnover by these operators;
- (d) whether these operators are paying haulage charges to Indian Railways;
- (e) if so, the total amount so far paid to Indian Railways since the allotment of sectors to those parties on this account;
- (f) whether Government are considering to award some more sectors as tourist train sector; and
- (g) if so, details thereof?

Answer

(MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS) (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) At present, there are two sectors on which luxury tourist trains are running. The parties operating these trains are Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC) and Tourism Corporation of Gujrat Limited (TCGL).
- (b) & (c) The net reported earnings of RTDC and TCGL during 1998-99 from these trains was Rs. 1502.68 Lakhs and Rs. 101.50 Lakhs respectively. Provisional payment is made by RTDC and TCGL to Railways. The exact percentage of revenue sharing has not been finalised.
- (d) & (e) No separate haulage charges are paid.
- (f) & (g) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for operating a luxury tourist train in the Maharashtra region.