

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TOY TRAIN ON KALKA-SHIMLA ROUTE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Toy Train on Kalka-Shimla route is running in loss;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make it profitable?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The low earnings on Kalka-Shimla section has been primarily due to limited hours of train operation, low carrying capacity of trains and uneconomic fares in comparison to road transport.

(c) Various steps have been taken to introduce value added services to attract tourist traffic on this section which inter-alia include Shivalik Deluxe Express train, Shivalik Palace Tourist Coach for party bookings, Shivalik Queen tourist coach and a special tourist package from Delhi to Shimla and back during summer in collaboration with the Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation.