

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:441  
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DECCAN ODYSSEY LUXURY TRAIN  
CHANDRAKANT BHURAO KHAIRE

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the splendid luxury train, "Deccan Odyssey" conceptualized by the Government of Maharashtra has hit the tracks with specific objects of attracting foreign tourists;
- (b) if so, the salient features and tariff of this train and details of the scenic and tourist spots visited by this train; and
- (c) the estimated annual income to be generated thereby and the manner in which it would be divided between the Union and the State Government?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) & (c): A MoU has been signed between the Indian Railways and the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation for running of a luxury tourist train which would originate and terminate at Mumbai and cover the tourist destinations of Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Goa, Pune, Aurangabad, Nasik. The Railways would be responsible for the operation of the train while the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation would provide all the facilities necessary for the onboard services, local sightseeing etc. The arrangements for launch of the train are under finalization.