

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1615  
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PALACE ON WHEELS IN SOUTH  
Nahata Smt. P. Jaya Prada

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to start a train covering important religious place of South like that of 'Palace on Wheels' ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action plan of the Government to promote tourism in South?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) & (b): The Government of Andhra Pradesh is preparing a feasibility report for introduction of South India Tourist Train in Andhra Pradesh. The tourist train proposes to cover the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry.

(c): Development/ promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Governments. However, the Department of Tourism also extends financial assistance for tourism projects identified in consultation with State Governments on yearly basis. All the State Governments including the Southern States have been requested to send specific project proposals for consideration during the current financial year.