

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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BHARAT DARSHAN TRAIN
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of 'Bharat Darshan' a special tourist train introduced by Railways ;
- (b) the circuits/routes in which such trains are presently running ;
- (c) the number of tourists who have availed the benefit of the scheme alongwith response thereof during the last one year ;
- (d) whether the Railways propose to introduce more such trains in other circuits/ routes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) : The Ministry of Railways runs the Bharat Darshan trains, which takes the tourists to various important tourist destinations across the country. The aim to run such trains is to give opportunity to a common Indian citizen to see the country at an all inclusive price of Rs.500/- per day which include train journey cost, food, sight-seeing, guide etc.

(b) to (e): No specified circuits/routes have been laid down. Accordingly, itineraries of different durations and routes are formulated and advertised to meet the needs of people, living in different parts of country. The destinations covered are spread over the country. During the last one year 7905 citizens have availed of this benefit. The response is encouraging and the occupancy in the recent trips has shown improvement.