

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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HERITAGE TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of heritage trains presently running in different routes;
- (b) whether the heritage trains are getting increasingly popular;
- (c) if so, whether more such heritage trains proposed to be introduced;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there is need for major overhaul in the catering services in the heritage trains; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a) Following six heritage trains are presently running:

- i) Fairy Queen service between Delhi Cantt. and Alwar.
- ii) New Jalpaiguri-Darjeeling on Darjeeling Himalayan Railway.
- iii) Mettupalayam-Uthagamandalam on Nilgiri Mountain Railway.
- iv) Kalka-Simla on Kalka-Simla Railway.
- v) Neral-Matheran on Matheran Light Railway.
- vi) Pathankot-Joginder Nagar on Kangra Valley Railway.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) & (f) Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) is responsible for catering in the Fairy Queen service. Catering services are provided by IRCTC on other heritage trains on special request.