

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1796
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PALACE ON WHEELS TRAIN ON BANGALORE-DAVANGERE ROUTE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a "Palace on Wheels" type train on the Bangalore- Davangere route;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Karnataka Government has submitted a proposal to introduce a passenger train between Harihar and Birur in Karnataka to the Railways;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there is no First Class and First AC Coaches in Train No. 6589 and 6590 (Meeraj- Bangalore and Bangalore-Meeraj Mail);
- (f) if so, whether the Railways are considering any proposal to include one First Class and one First AC Coaches in these trains;
- (g) the time by which the said project is likely to start and target set for its completion; and
- (h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): No, Sir. However, the "Golden Chariot" during its journey from Vasco to Yeshwantpur passes through Davangere without stopping at Davangere.
- (c) No proposal of Karnataka Government for introduction of passenger trains between Harihar and Birur has been received by the Railways.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) 6589/6590 Bangalore – Shri Chatrapati Sahu Maharaj (T) Rani Chennamma Express is running with one First AC coach but no First Class coach.
- (f) There is no proposal to provide First Class coaches in the train.
- (g) Does not arise.
- (h) First Class coaches are being phased out.