

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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LUXURY TOURIST TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether luxury train tourism facilities are being increased due to its popularity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of passengers who have travelled in these trains during the last two years and the revenue earned on this account;
- (d) whether the Railways have any proposal to introduce luxury tourist trains on some new routes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)& (b) Yes,Sir.One more luxury tourist train Royal Rajasthan on Wheels has been launched recently in addition to existing trains Palace on Wheels, Deccan Odyssey and Golden Chariot.

(c) The number of passengers travelled and the Railways share of earning from operation of luxury tourist trains during the last two tourist seasons, i.e. September to August next year, are as under:

Train	2006-07	2007-08		
	Number of Railways'	Number of Railways'		
	passengers earning	passengers earning		
	(Rs. in lakhs)	(Rs. in lakhs)		
Palace on Wheels	3614	2003.94	3724	2102.31
Heritage on Wheels	739	45.47	1000	61.68
Deccan Odyssey	813	265.68	1069	355.22
Golden Chariot	-	-	118	149.03

(d) & (e) One Luxury tourist train each in association with Punjab Heritage & Tourism Promotion Board and Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Ltd. has been approved.The routes/itinerary are not finalized.