

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4278
ANSWERED ON:19.08.2010
LUXURY TRAINS
Viswanathan Shri P.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether luxury trains introduced by the Railways in the recent years had to cancel many of its scheduled journeys;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is also a proposal to introduce more luxury trains in 2010;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the step taken to make the luxury trains affordable?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. There have been cancellations of some trips of luxury tourist trains on account of low occupancy arising out of economic slow down and security concerns.
- (c) & (d): The luxury tourist train, Maharajas' Express, has been introduced in 2010. It is presently operated on four pan-India itineraries covering places of tourist importance.
- (e): The tariff of luxury tourist trains is fixed by State Tourism Corporations/ Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation as per market potential.