

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Railways plan to introduce a special train in collaboration with Cox and Kings covering Delhi-Agra-Gwalior-Khujuraho-Bandhavgarh-Varanasi-Gaya-Calcutta to boost tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, the time by which its is likely to be introduced;
- (c) whether the Railways plan to extend this train to Orissa to explore Buddhist tourism sites of Orissa;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Maharajas' Express, a luxury tourist train, has already been introduced by the Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) in association with Cox & Kings on the sector.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e): The destinations are planned based on market potential and consumer demand.