

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TOURISM PACKAGES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have received proposals from various State Governments for tourism packages involving the assistance and collaboration of Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Railways thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry has received proposals for tourism packages in the form of operating luxury tourist trains from some State Governments. The Railways is already operating such trains in association with State Governments of Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Karnataka and a similar project has been approved in association with Government of Punjab. There has also been request for earmarking of seats in certain trains for operation of value added tourism packages by State Tourism Corporations. The State Tourism Corporations can book seats following the normal procedure.