

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAJASTHAN ON WHEELS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Royal Rajasthan on Wheels has gained much popularity among the visiting tourists in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of tourists who availed this facility during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether instances of losses incurred by this services has come to the notice of the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of steps being taken to further popularise the service among the visiting tourists and to make this tourist train profitable in the coming years?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Royal Rajasthan on Wheels is gradually gaining popularity among the tourists visiting the country. The number of tourists availed this facility during last three seasons were 126 in 2008-09, 749 in 2009-10 and 890 in 2010-11.
- (c) to (e): The profits / losses on the running of this train, reasons thereof and marketing efforts to popularise the train are within the purview of Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation which is a PSU under the State Government of Rajasthan.