

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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KALKA SHIMLA RAIL CAR
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether two out of the four historical rail cars running on the world heritage Kalka-Shimla rail route, have already been discontinued and the remaining two are also going to be discontinued;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the discontinuation of the said rail cars is likely to create transportation problems for the domestic and foreign tourists;
- (d) if so, whether the Railways have undertaken any measures to prevent such problems and to ensure that not only do the rail cars continue to run on the said route but also that the previous services are revived; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Conventional and Rail car services are already presently available in Kalka-Shimla section. Two Rail cars were condemned long back but two rail cars are in use. Existing services available are considered adequate for the present level of passenger traffic. Special trains are also operated during peak seasons to clear extra rush of passengers including tourists.