

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of trains running along with their names and routes for visiting various tourist destinations;
- (b) whether the Railways intend to introduce more trains for tourists, connecting important tourist destinations in the country;
- (c) if so, the names of tourist destinations that are intended to be covered by such trains;and
- (d) whether the Railways will consider to introduce a Tourist Train from Kanyakumari to Kashmir and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

- (a) Presently, tourist trains Palace on wheels, Royal Rajasthan on Wheels, Deccan Odyssey, Golden Chariot, Maharajas' Express, Bharat Darshan and Mahaparinirvan Express are in operation in association with Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation / State Tourism Corporations offering package tours. The itineraries of these trains, covering important tourist destinations, are decided time to time by the respective tourism corporation subject to market potential and operational feasibility by the railways. In addition, regular passenger carrying trains connecting various tourist destinations are also available.
- (b) & (c) Yes, Madam. Trains connecting various places, including tourist destinations, are regularly introduced subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility and availability of resources.
- (d) Presently, there is no such proposal.