

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4131
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TOY TRAINS
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Mettupalayam-Ooty and Kalka-Shimla toy trains are incurring losses;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is a proposal to carry freight in these sections through toy trains in order to offset the losses and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether it is proposed to introduce music and recreation facilities for the passengers in the toy trains and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. Train operations on Mettupalayam-Ooty and Kalka-Shimla sections are being run at loss.
- (b) Mettupalayam-Ooty and Kalka-Shimla sections are operating as uneconomic branch lines. Since traffic potential of these lines is limited, the working expenses are more than the earnings realized from these lines.
- (c) There is no proposal regarding carriage of freight on these sections.
- (d) Music system has been provided on Train No. 72451/72452 Rail Car and on RA - 4 (Shivalik Palace) over Kalka - Shimla section.