

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4560
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RAILWAY HERITAGE COMMITTEE
Singh Shri Radha Mohan;Singh Smt. Meena

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have constituted Railway Heritage Committee; and
(b) if so, the composition and terms of reference of the Committee?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The composition of the Committee is as below:-

1. Ms. Saoli Mitra, Chairperson.
2. Shri Bibhas Chakraborty, Member.
3. Ms. Arpita Ghosh, Member.
4. Shri Ratan Thyiam, Member.
5. Dr. G.S. Rautela, Member.
6. Ustad Rashid Khan, Member.
- 7 Shri Joy Goswami, Member.
8. Dr. S.S. Biswas, Member.
9. Shri Rituparno Ghosh, Member. Main functions of the Committee are :-

- i) To review the existing cultural activities, organizations and related matters on Indian Railways;
- ii) To review the developments and promote India's rich rail heritage;
- iii) To give recommendations for setting up of professional institutions, Cultural Centers, Film Cities and Studios etc., through PPP; at locations identified by the Committee for imparting training to wards of deserving Railway employees;
- iv) The Committee will also develop an 'Annual Cultural Events Calendar' for Indian Railways;
- v) To suggest and provide directions for holding cultural seminars, talk shows, TV programmes and making and showing of documentary films on various aspects of Indian Railways and Indian Culture and Heritage;
- vi) To promote and showcase Indian Railways heritage and culture through exclusive exhibitions; and
- vii) To promote development of Art Galleries and Handicraft Centers at Railway Stations in major cities and moving libraries on trains.