

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TOURIST TRAIN FOR BRIJ
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have any plan to boost tourism in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to introduce a train from Delhi to Brij in order to promote tourism and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation also provided services to non-railway catering business and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

- (a): Indian Railways promote tourism mainly by providing connectivity to major tourist destinations across the country through rail network. In addition, specialized tourism products such as Luxury tourist trains, Buddhist special train, Bharat Darshan trains, Steam train, Charter trains, Tour packages etc. are also introduced from time to time mainly through Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) and select State Tourism Corporations. In Railway Budget 2015-16, promoting Gandhi circuit to attract tourists, Kisan Yatra travel scheme, concierge services, training of auto-rickshaw & taxi operators as tourist-guides and offering some coaches in select trains connecting major tourist destinations to travel agencies on a revenue sharing model have been announced.
- (b): No, Madam. Presently, there is no such proposal.
- (c): Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation provides non-railway catering services to 34 organizations / institutions / departments and also operates food kiosks in Delhi metro stations.