

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.275
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2018**

FARE OF LUXURY TRAINS

†275. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has decided to slash the fare of its luxury and popular trains namely Palace on Wheels, the Golden Chariot, Maharaja Express and Deccan Odyssey due to rapid decline noticed in their popularity and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the total number of people who travelled by these trains during the last two years along with the revenue earned by the Government;**
- (c) whether the Government is planning to terminate their service due to loss being incurred by these trains;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.275 BY SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 12.12.2018 REGARDING FARE OF LUXURY TRAINS

(a) and (b): Five luxury tourist trains namely Palace on Wheels, Heritage Palace on Wheels (started on 29.12.2017), Deccan Odyssey, Golden Chariot and Maharajas' Express are run over Indian Railways. The fare of these luxury tourist trains is decided by concerned State Tourism Corporations (STCs) / Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC). The number of passengers who travelled by these trains along with the revenue earned during last two financial years is as under:

Financial Year	Number of Passengers travelled	Revenue earned (in Cr. ₹)
Palace on Wheels - Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation		
2016-17	1373	27.36
2017-18	1498	27.59
Deccan Odyssey – Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation		
2016-17	643	9.51
2017-18	879	12.76
Golden Chariot – Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation		
2016-17	336	5.49
2017-18	291	2.61
Maharajas' Express - Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation		
2016-17	894	41.38
2017-18	945	42.11
Heritage Palace on Wheels-Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation		
2017-18	44	0.21

(c) to (e): No, Madam. Luxury tourist trains are run over Indian Railways by Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC), Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC), Karnataka Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) and Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC). The operation of these luxury tourist trains is responsibility of these STCs/IRCTC.