

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1264
ANSWERED ON 16.12.2022

FALL IN OCCUPANCY OF AND REVENUE FROM LUXURY TRAINS

1264 **SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that luxury trains in India have seen a fall in occupancy and revenue in recent years, especially after the pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Railways plan to implement a scheme to promote luxury trains to attract tourists, especially foreign tourists to India;
- (d) whether Railways plan to discontinue the operation of any train owing to a fall in occupancy rates; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1264 BY SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 16.12.2022 REGARDING FALL IN OCCUPANCY OF AND REVENUE FROM LUXURY TRAINS

(a) and (b) Operation of luxury tourist trains has been adversely impacted due to COVID 19 pandemic. The details are as follows:

Trains	Details	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (upto 30.11.22)
Maharaja's Express	Trips	0	3	7
	Occupancy	0	82.54%	37.93%
	Revenue	0	₹ 3.48 Cr	₹ 14.34 Cr
Palace on Wheels	Trips	0	0	5
	Occupancy	0	0	38.29%
	Revenue	0	0	₹ 4.85 Cr
Deccan Odyssey	Trips	0	0	0
	Occupancy	0	0	0
	Revenue	₹ 0.00	0	₹ 0.00
Golden Chariot	Trips	2	0	1
	Occupancy	34.38%	0	27.50%
	Revenue	₹ 0.39 Cr	0	₹ 0.70 Cr

(c) All Luxury Tourist trains have been brought under the ambit of new 'Bharat Gaurav Trains' policy w.e.f. 01.04.2022. Under this policy, service providers have full flexibility to decide the themes/itineraries/tariff as per market demand. The Service Provider offers a comprehensive package with facility of rail transportation, accommodation, meals, local road transport, sightseeing etc.

(d) No, Sir. Under the Bharat Gaurav Trains scheme, running of tourist circuit trains rests with Service Provider, while Indian Railways provides all assistance for operationalising these trains, including coach maintenance and stabling facilities.

(e) Does not arise.