

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2662
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.01.2018**

BHARAT DARSHAN TRAINS

2662. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways plans to unveil Bharat Darshan Trains and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the fare of this train will be fixed broadly on the basis of normal fare of mail or express trains with telescopic benefit for the entire trip and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether such tourist trains will be at affordable rate so that ordinary citizens can use it; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) and (b): Indian Railways, in collaboration of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC), is operating Bharat Darshan Trains since the year 2005 with different itineraries based on market demand, popularity and operational feasibility. Currently, three dedicated rakes have been provided to IRCTC for operation of these trains. Railways charge IRCTC Mail/Express fare on telescopic basis for entire journey for the carrying capacity of the train escalated by 20% and 50% pantry car charge.

(c) and (d): The package tour of Bharat Darshan Trains is one of the most affordable tour currently operated in India and is largely patronised by common man. The passenger tariff is fixed in the range of D800 - 900 + GST per person per day which includes rail and road transportation, accommodation (Dharamshala/dormitory), sightseeing, meals, accidental insurance etc.
