

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1318  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022**

**BHARAT GAURAV SCHEME**

**1318. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the salient features of the Bharat Gaurav Scheme;**
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this scheme within Tamil Nadu so far;**
- (c) the details of the target set in this regard;**
- (d) whether the Government has commenced the operations of the service under this scheme within Tamil Nadu;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof;**
- (f) whether the Government has planned to commence more services under this scheme within Tamil Nadu; and**
- (g) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) Indian Railways have issued the 'Bharat Gaurav Trains' policy on 23.11.2021 with an objective to showcase India's rich cultural heritage and magnificent historical places through theme based tourist circuit trains. The salient features of this policy are as follows:**

- Registration and placement of rake request by service providers in online portal.**

- **Rake security deposit of ₹ 1 Crore per rake.**
- **Individuals, Partnership firm, company, Society, Trust, Joint ventures and consortium are eligible.**
- **A rake comprising a minimum of 14 and a maximum of 20 coaches.**
- **Applicable charges viz. Right to Use charges, Haulage charges, stabling charges notified and to be paid by service provider.**
- **Theme based refurbishments/minor modifications permitted.**
- **Indian Railways to retain ownership of the coaches and provide operational assistance including coach maintenance and stabling facilities.**
- **Service provider to have full freedom to decide itinerary, themes, package cost.**
- **Service provider to offer a comprehensive package with facility of rail transportation, accommodation, meals, local road transport, sightseeing etc.**
- **Branding and advertisement rights are permitted.**

**(b) and (c) No fund is envisaged to be allocated for Bharat Gaurav Trains scheme as this is based on revenue generating model.**

**(d) to (g) As per this policy, service providers have full flexibility to decide the themes/itineraries for operation of Bharat Gaurav trains. Running of Bharat Gaurav Trains by service providers over Indian Railways including the State of Tamil Nadu is a continuous process and any additional trips would depend on the market demand and commercial viability.**

**In the Financial Year 2022-23 (upto 30.11.2022), total 10 trips of Bharat Gaurav Trains have been operated from the State of Tamil Nadu through various service providers.**