

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1023
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023**

ALLOTMENT OF RAKES

1023. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to stop allotment of rakes under Bharat Gaurav trains policy which is meant for the socio-economic development and showcase of heritage and culture of the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether South Eastern railway has received a proposal to run a South based exclusive medical circuit train from West Bengal;**
- (c) if so, the reasons behind not allotting rakes towards employment generation and medical services to people thereof; and**
- (d) the proposal of the Government with the registration fees of service providers, who have not been allowed rail based tourism service so far?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) No, Sir. In order to rationalize future demand of Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches for operation of Bharat Gaurav Trains, Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) is at present allowed to continue to place rake requests as a single window. No rake demand request has been received in the BGT portal by South Eastern Railway.

(d) As per extant Bharat Gaurav Trains policy, the registration fee is non-refundable.