

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4780
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2021**

HERITAGE CONSERVATION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of heritage conservation of Indian Railways;**
- (b) whether the Ministry is considering to outsource the heritage conservation activities in order to benefit Railways and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the train-wise and station-wise details of monetary benefits gained by the Railways by outsourcing the heritage conservation activities?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a) Detailed guidelines have been issued for heritage conservation covering maintenance of Steam Locomotives, up-keep of Hill Railways, promotion of Hill and Steam tourism, strengthening Railway Museums, conservation of buildings, artefacts, digitization and online dissemination of Railway Heritage etc.

There are 21 Rail Museums, 16 Heritage Galleries and 9 Heritage parks on Indian Railways.

There are five Hill Railways namely Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR), Nilgiri Mountain Railway (NMR), Kalka Shimla Railway (KSR), Matheran Light Railway (MLR) and Kangra Valley Railway (KVR). Out of these, three Hill Railways namely DHR, KSR and NMR have been declared as World Heritage sites by UNESCO.

(b) & (c) Four Hill Railways namely DHR, KSR, NMR and MLR have been identified for monetisation. As outsourcing has not been done at this stage, details are not available.
