

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3288
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022**

REVENUE FROM LUXURY TRAINS

3288. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether even a single journey of any luxury train generated revenue from 2011 to till date and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government is considering to withdraw the functioning of the luxury train, as they are not generating profit;**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether during the official travel under complimentary ticket of luxury train, the railway officials are allowed to take spouse or companion and if so, the details in this regard;**
- (e) the names of officials and others who travelled under complimentary berth from 2017 to till date in these luxury trains; and**
- (f) the guidelines under which complimentary berth in luxury trains are allotted?**

ANSWER

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

(a) : Yes, Sir. The details of revenue generated by luxury tourist trains are at Appendix-I.

(b) & (c) : No, Sir. There is no plan to withdraw luxury tourist trains. The Railways has been operating the luxury trains on a haulage charge collection basis, or on a revenue share basis and

not on a profit making model. The clientele of Luxury Tourist trains are mainly inbound foreign tourists traveling to India. These luxury tourist trains serve the broader purpose of showcasing the culture, heritage, natural scenic beauty of India to the world through offering a comfortable, safe and hassle-free tourism package to international travellers.

(d) and (e) : Yes, Sir. Officials are allowed complimentary travel for the purpose of inspections and feedback from tourists in line with duty pass rules of Indian Railways. The details of the officials travelled for this purpose are at Appendix-II.

(f) : Guidelines under which complementary travel is permitted are as follows:

- Two berths per trip in the luxury tourist trains may be utilized for complimentary travel by the authorized officers of IR for the purpose of inspection and feedback from the tourists. Similarly, a complimentary travel quota of 2 seats per trip, subject to availability of seats after giving preference to paid passengers on commercial trips, is permitted to the respective Tourist Corporation.**
- In addition, there may be 24 berths per season for international press media groups to be decided in mutual consultation between IR and the respective Tourism Corporations.**
- The complimentary travels announced by the Ministry of Tourism/Government of India at times like Commonwealth Games 2010 Medal Winners and like may be provided by the respective agency within their quota of complimentary travel on respective trains. However, in case of shortage of berths, they may pool the quota of other departments too with the prior consent of the concerned department.**
- Complimentary travel is permissible subject to availability of seats after giving preference to paid passengers on commercial trips.**
- No complimentary travel is permitted on fully chartered trips.**

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APPENDIX-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3288 BY SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.03.2022 REGARDING REVENUE FROM LUXURY TRAINS

The details of revenue generated by operation of luxury tourist trains from 2011 to 2022:

(₹ in Crore)

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21*	2021-22* (upto Februrary)
Palace on Wheels	35.42	35.83	38.33	35.71	33.80	27.64	27.87	30.81	28.66	Nil	Nil
Deccan Odyssey	13.36	12.95	7.71	5.92	6.89	9.51	12.18	30.05	21.11	Nil	Nil
Golden Chariot	7.47	8.41	8.71	5.47	4.74	5.49	4.49	Not operated by KSTDC	Not operated by KSTDC	0.15	Nil
Maharajas' Express	**	26.27	36.27	47.89	51.09	45.93	49.69	61.27	52.42	Nil	2.60
Royal Rajasthan on Wheels (RROW)	16.53	21.32	17.82	17.31	14.58	5.96	RROW discontinued				

*** Tourism on Indian Railways was disrupted due to Covid-19 pandemic.**

**** Maharajas' Express being operated by IRCTC from January, 2012 onwards.**

APPENDIX-II REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (d) AND (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3288 BY SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.03.2022 REGARDING REVENUE FROM LUXURY TRAINS

	YEAR -WISE NUMBER OF RAILWAY OFFICIAL TRAVELED					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Palace on Wheels	26	36	38	20	NOT OPERATED	NOT OPERATED
Deccan Odyssey	02	12	20	10	NOT OPERATED	NOT OPERATED
Golden Chariot	02	02	0	0	0	NOT OPERATED
Maharajas' Express	34	38	41	16	NOT OPERATED	0
Royal Rajasthan on Wheels (RROW)	02	RROW discontinued.				
