

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1768
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022**

COMPLIMENTARY TRAVEL IN LUXURY TRAINS

1768. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the rationale in allowing spouse or companion to travel in luxury trains like Palace on Wheels, Royal Rajasthan along with railway officials, when they are on official duty;**
- (b) the list of persons with their names and International media they are attached with, who availed complimentary travel in luxury trains from 2014 to till date; train-wise;**
- (c) the details of private persons (Other than railway officials) along with their names and the capacity in which they availed complimentary travel in luxury trains from 2014;**
- (d) the number of inspection reports submitted by railway officials in this regard since 2014; train wise; and**
- (e) the details of department/agency/corporation-wise quota for complimentary travel in luxury trains ?**

ANSWER

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

(a) As per Railway Servants (Pass) Rules, 1986, Railway officials are allowed to travel over Indian Railways on official duty along with family. On the similar lines, these officials are allowed to travel in these tourist trains on official duty with family member.

(b) and (c) These trains are operated by State Tourism Development Corporations and Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC). Traveling details of international media persons/private persons who availed complimentary travel in luxury trains are not maintained by Indian Railways.

(d) As per data available, train-wise inspection reports from the year 2014 onwards are as under:

Train Name	No. of inspection reports submitted
Palace on Wheels	52
Royal Rajasthan on Wheels (train discontinued in 2017)	1
Maharajas' Express	29
Golden Chariot	1
Deccan Odyssey	8

(e) Details are as under:

- **2 berths per trip in these trains may be utilized for complimentary travel by the authorized officials of Indian Railway for the purpose of inspection and feedback from the tourists. Similarly, a complimentary travel quota of 2 berths per trip, subject to availability of seats after giving preference to paid passengers on commercial trips, is permitted to the respective State Tourism Development Corporations/IRCTC.**
- **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 State Tourism Development 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.**