

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.575  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.04.2016**

**PALACE ON WHEELS**

**575. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:**

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

- (a) whether, of late, India's luxury and opulent train, Palace on Wheels, got cancelled for an entire month since there was not a single booking and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the present running status of the train;**
- (c) whether the declining interest of the tourists for the 'Palace on Wheels' train is due to decline in visits by tourists to Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the proactive steps taken to make the train popular among the tourists?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

**(a) & (b): No, Madam. Indian Railways in association with Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation operates Palace on Wheels from September to April every year. The train is running in the month of April, 2016 as well.**

**(c): No, Madam.**

**(d): The steps taken / being taken to popularize the train include upgradation of the On Board facilities, introduction of Volvo coaches for sightseeing & luxury hotels for off board meals, online booking facility for guests, guest friendly reservation / incentive policy etc.**

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