

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4051
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2016**

LUXURY TRAIN

4051.SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is considering to run a luxury train modelled on the palace on wheels on the Buddhist Circuit;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether IRCTC is also considering to form joint ventures with China and Japan in this regard; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): Luxury tourist trains are introduced at the instance of State Tourism Corporations / Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation. Presently, there is no proposal to operate luxury tourist trains on Buddhist Circuit. However, a Buddhist special train is already in operation utilizing a conventional Rajdhani rake offering facilities comparable to a semi luxury train.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.